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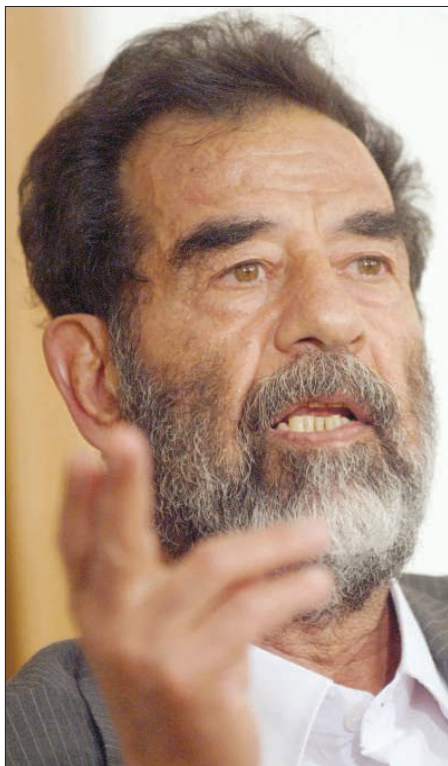
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Above: In this image cleared by the U.S. military, former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein appears in a courtroom at Camp Victory, a former Saddam palace, on the outskirts of Baghdad on Thursday. Throughout the hearing, Saddam continued to refer to himself as the president of Iraq and refused to sign paperwork without his lawyer.

Right: Iraqis in a Baghdad electronics store watch Saddam speak at his hearing. Some citizens said they felt uneasy and were angered at the former president's attitude.

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## NewsTracker ... What's new with old news

### States

**Brain-damaged woman:** An appeals court said Wednesday the parents of a woman at the center of a bitter right-to-die case may not intervene in the legal battle over a Florida state law keeping her alive.

"Terri's Law," passed in October, allowed Gov. Jeb Bush to order the reinsertion of a feeding tube keeping Terri Schiavo alive. She has been in a persistent vegetative state for 14 years after collapsing from a chemical imbalance.

Terri Schiavo's husband, Michael Schiavo, is suing the governor to have the law overturned. Bush is defending the law and the Schindlers wanted to join him as a party to the lawsuit.

**Tractor standoff:** The tobacco farmer who tied up part of Washington in a 47-hour standoff in 2003 by driving his tractor into a pond on the National Mall and claiming he had a bomb may be out of jail soon.

U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson reduced Dwight Ware Watson's sentence on Wednesday from six years to just 16 months.

Jackson on Wednesday cited a Supreme Court ruling that came one day after last week's initial sentencing. The high court ruled that only juries — not judges — can lengthen prison terms beyond the maximum set out in state sentencing guidelines.

**Laci Peterson case:** Scott Peterson, on trial for the murder in Modesto, Calif., of his pregnant wife, talked incessantly about sex and never mentioned he was married, according to a woman who met him at an agriculture conference and later introduced him to his mistress.

Shawn Sibley testified Wednesday that Peterson told her when they first met that he had "lost" his first love. But most of the conversation that night was about sex.

"We'd be talking about something else and he'd bring up sex," she said. "He did ask me my sexual preferences... sexual positions... but he was kind of joking."

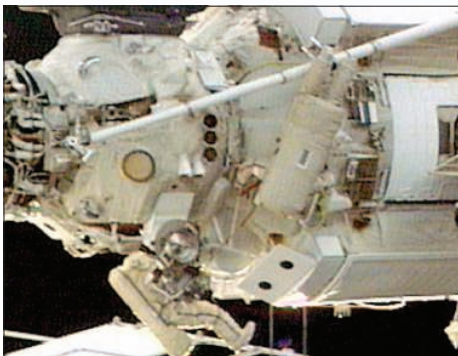
Sibley later introduced Peterson to his future girlfriend, massage therapist Amber Frey. Prosecutors claim it was that affair that drove him to kill Laci Peterson.

**Great White lawsuit:** The lead singer of Great White, the band that was playing before a nightclub fire that killed 100 people in Rhode Island, has sued a former publicist for slander.

Vocalist Jack Russell alleges that spokesperson Charlie Foglio threatened to tell charity organizations associated with the 2003 blaze at The Station nightclub that the singer and his manager, Obi Steinman, were withholding money they promised for a fund set up to benefit survivors.

As of September, Great White had voluntarily donated \$82,000 from various concerts since last July to a nonprofit organization — The Station Family Fund — created to benefit victims' families and survivors of the fire in West Warwick, R.I., according to the fund's overseer, Victoria Potvin. Russell claims in the lawsuit that all of the profits from the tour went to charity, and that Foglio was claiming he kept some of the money for himself.

**LAPD beating:** Officers were not follow-



NASA TV/AP

**Space walk:** Expedition 9 Commander Gennady Padalka rests under the Zarya module of the international space station during a televised spacewalk Wednesday. Padalka and fellow crewmember Mike Fincke successfully completed a riskier-than-usual spacewalk, in which they repaired a circuit breaker on one of the stations' four gyroscopes. Fincke and Padalka had to cross nearly 100 feet to get to the bad circuit breaker — a grueling distance for spacewalkers over difficult terrain. Then they had to pry off the cover for the row of circuit breakers; it was stiff and incredibly hard to move.

### World

ing department policies during the televised June 23 arrest and beating of an unarmed black man in Los Angeles, Police Chief William Bratton said.

Officer John Hatfield's kicking of Miller also was not departmental policy, Bratton told the Los Angeles City Council during a briefing Wednesday, he said. "We don't teach kicks," Bratton said.

**Governor's plane:** The Federal Aviation Administration has found that a civilian air traffic controller outside Washington failed to recognize a signal that would have eased concerns about Gov. Ernie Fletcher's plane flying in restricted airspace near the U.S. Capitol.

The plane's presence led to an evacuation June 9 while former President Ronald Reagan's body lay in state.

**Fake abduction:** Audrey Seiler, the University of Wisconsin-Madison student who faked her abduction, was sentenced Thursday in Madison, Wis., to three years' probation after she pleaded guilty to two misdemeanor counts.

Seiler read a statement during the court hearing in which she attributed the ordeal to severe depression that caused her to act irrationally.

"I'm taking care of myself now, so someday people will see I'm still a girl to be proud of," said Seiler, who withdrew from school after the widely publicized incident and is in therapy.



Seiler

**Madrid attacks:** Lawmakers due to probe the Madrid terrorist attack summoned 13 people on Thursday — mainly police officials — for a first round of testimony next week, leaving former government ministers for the final stage of the politically charged investigation.

The panel will get down to work Tuesday with testimony from a doorman who says he saw young men carrying knapsacks toward the train station in Alcalá de Henares, the town from which three of the four bombed trains had departed on March 11.

**Saudi amnesty:** A Saudi militant who surrendered under the royal amnesty announced last week has urged his comrades to turn themselves in as well.

Othman Hadi Al Maqboul al-Amri, who had been among the kingdom's most wanted men until he surrendered Monday, also said on state television Wednesday night that he regrets his past. Al-Amri had primarily been involved in smuggling weapons.

**Bali bombings:** Six Muslim militants thought to have played a role in the bombings of two nightclubs on the resort island of Bali and the J.W. Marriott hotel in Jakarta have been arrested in Indonesia, police said Thursday.

National Police Chief Gen. Da' Bachtiar would not release their names but insisted they all played a central role in the attacks.

He did not say if they were members of the al-Qaida-linked regional terror group Jamaah Islamiyah, which is widely believed responsible for the bombings.

From The Associated Press

## Messages of Support

★ We send our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all our service men and women who are serving our great country both here and abroad. Thanks to you and your gallant efforts, we all enjoy our freedom (unfortunately too many Americans take it for granted). We pray for your

safe and speedy return home. Stephanie & Ray

★ To: Tommy & Frank H., this note to you is but a small gesture of our gratitude for your commitment and bravery serving our great country. Take care of yourselves and you both remain in our hearts

and prayers. From: All the guys from Fordham (Phi Eta Pi)

★ David, just a note to let you know that you are in my thoughts and in my prayers. Stay safe, and please let me know when you arrive safely back at home in the States. Be strong...Love (from NYC), Kim

# Saddam appears in Iraqi court

## Brazen ex-dictator calls Bush real 'criminal,' refuses to sign papers

BY HAMZA HENDAWI

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A defiant Saddam Hussein rejected accusations of war crimes and genocide in court Thursday, telling a judge in his first public appearance since his capture that the real "criminal" was President Bush.

Saddam was handcuffed when brought to the court but the shackles were removed for the 30-minute arraignment at Camp Victory, one of his former palaces on the outskirts of Baghdad.

"I am Saddam Hussein, the president of Iraq," Saddam said unprompted, sitting down in a chair facing the judge on the other side of a wooden railing. When asked his name, he repeated it in full: "Saddam Hussein al-Majid, president of Iraq."

The appearance, broadcast on Arab satellite television stations, gave Iraqis their first look at the former dictator since his capture by the U.S. military seven months ago. They saw a Saddam whose mood ranged from nervousness and exasperation to contempt and defiance—even flouting the judge. At times, he seemed to lecture the young judge.

Unaccompanied by a lawyer, Saddam refused to sign a list of charges against him unless he had legal counsel, and he questioned the court's jurisdiction.

"These allow me not to sign until the lawyers are present. Anyhow, when you take a procedure to bring me here again, please meet with all these papers with the presence of lawyers. Why would you behave in a manner that we might call hasty later on?" he said.

Saddam also accused the White House of orchestrating the hearing.

"You know that this is all a theater by Bush, the criminal, to help him with his campaign," he said.

The 67-year-old Saddam appeared most agitated when the subject came to the invasion of Kuwait — one of the broad charges against him.

"The armed forces went to Kuwait," Saddam said. "Is it possible



In this image cleared by the U.S. military, former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein emphasizes a point in a courtroom at Camp Victory, a former Saddam palace, on the outskirts of Baghdad. Saddam was defiant at times, calling the proceedings "theater" and saying President Bush was the "criminal."

to raise accusations against an official figure and this figure be treated apart from the official guarantees stipulated by the constitution and the law? Where is this law upon which you are conducting investigations?"

"How could Saddam be tried over Kuwait, that said it will reduce charges to 10-12 prostitutes?" Saddam asked, referring to himself in the third person. "He defended Iraq's honor and revived its historical rights over those dogs."

At this point, the judge admonished him and said he would not tolerate such language in the courtroom.

The seven broad charges against Saddam are the killing of religious figures in 1974; gassing of Kurds in Halabja in 1988; kill-

ing the Kurdish Barzani clan in 1983; killing members of political parties in the last 30 years; the 1986-88 "Anfal" campaign of displacing Kurds; the suppression of the 1991 uprisings by Kurds and Shiites; and the 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

A formal indictment with specific charges is expected later, said Saleh Chalabi, director of the Iraqi Special Tribunal. Those were expected to include war crimes, genocide and crimes against humanity. The trial is not expected until 2005.

In Amman, Jordan, lawyers claiming to represent Saddam expressed outrage they were not at his side for the hearing.

"This is tyranny and absolute cruelty," said Ziad al-Khasasneh, who said he was hired by Saddam's wife, Sajdah.

"How can this be called a fair trial if President Saddam Hussein, may God bless him, was denied his basic right to a lawyer?"

Saddam wore a charcoal-colored, pinstriped jacket with a white shirt open at the collar, and black trousers and shoes. He often stroked his trimmed, gray-and-black beard and had heavy bags under his eyes. He sat calmly, gesturing with his hands while addressing the court and sometimes taking notes on a piece of yellow paper.

Saddam was flown by helicopter from an undisclosed location and driven to a courtroom on a U.S. base. He was led from an armored bus escorted by two Iraqi guards and ushered through a door guarded by six more Iraqi police. The bus was escorted by four Humvees and an ambulance.

## White House says hearing beginning of Iraqi justice

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House dismissed accusations from Saddam Hussein on Thursday that President Bush was "the real criminal," and heralded Saddam's arraignment as an important step forward for Iraqis.

In a court appearance in Baghdad, Saddam rejected charges of war crimes and genocide, telling a judge "this is all theater, the real criminal is Bush."

Later in the day Bush watched a televised replay of the former Iraqi leader during Saddam's 30-minute arraignment, said White House spokesman Scott McClellan. McClellan brushed off reporters' questions about Saddam's remarks, the first words heard from the former Iraqi leader in months.

"I'm sure Saddam Hussein will continue to say all sorts of things," McClellan said.

"What's important is that Saddam Hussein and his regime leaders are going to face justice from the Iraqi people before an Iraqi court. This is an important step that will help the Iraqi people bring closure to the dark past of Saddam Hussein's brutal dictatorship."

McClellan said it would be more worthwhile to listen to Saddam's victims and their relatives.

McClellan said the arraignment itself was evidence of a new Iraq. "I think what you're seeing is, from the court itself, that justice and the rule of law are part of the new Iraq," McClellan said.

# Citizens watching proceedings have mixed opinions

BY TAREK EL-TABLAUW  
AND NADIA ABOU EL-MAGD

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraqis gathered around televisions to watch Saddam Hussein in court Thursday, uneasy about the effects of the images on their country and in some cases angered by the control they believed he seemed to wield over the proceedings.

Some described the scene not as justice but "American propaganda."

As the former dictator appeared in court Thursday to hear charges ranging from genocide to crimes against humanity, some of the 25 million people who spent the better part of their lives under his authority voiced mixed opinions.

"This is not the time," said Mohammed Mahdi as he and several co-workers watched a small television set in a hotel lobby tuned to an Arabic language satellite station.

"The country has too many other problems now that should be fixed first," Mahdi said. "What we're seeing now is nothing more than propaganda. This is for Bush's sake, for the sake of the American elections. This doesn't have anything to do with justice for Iraqis."

Some refused to comment, apparently fearful even now of making statements about the former regime.

At another Baghdad hotel, a group of about 16 men glared at a television.

"Look at him. This isn't the face of a prisoner. He's running the courtroom," said one man who refused to be identified. Around him, other men nodded in agreement, with one of them adding: "That's why he was president for so long."

"With all the mass graves we have seen in Iraq, I think Saddam deserves capital punishment," said Sawasam Jamal, a Kurdish woman from Kirkuk, a region where the deposed leader reportedly authorized the gassing of thousands of people and the murder of thousands more.

"Saddam should be wiped out as soon as possible so that the Iraqi people can awaken from this nightmare."



Iraqis in a barber shop watch satellite television in Baghdad as former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein appears during his Thursday court hearing. Some said the hearing was "American propaganda."

# Survey: Troops returning with severe stress

## Army study: One in six servicemembers have symptoms, but few are getting help

BY STEPHANIE NANO

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Army's first study of the mental health of American troops who fought in Iraq found that about one in six reported symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder.

The survey also showed that less than half of those with problems sought help, mostly out of fear of being stigmatized or hurting their careers.

The survey of Army and Marine combat units was conducted a few months after their return from Iraq or Afghanistan last year. Most studies of past wars' effects on mental health were done years later, making it difficult to compare the latest results with

those from the Vietnam or Gulf wars, said Dr. (Col.) Charles W. Hoge, a researcher at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research.

Of particular concern, he said, is that troops with problems are not seeking care.

The study was published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

Once called shell shock or combat fatigue, post-traumatic stress disorder can develop after witnessing or experiencing a traumatic event. Symptoms include flashbacks, nightmares, feelings of detachment, irritability, trouble concentrating and sleeplessness.

Dr. Matthew J. Friedman, executive director of the Department of Veterans Affairs' National Cen-

ter for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, said it is remarkable to have the study's results available while there are still troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

But he said he believes the estimates are conservative and that it may be too early to determine the extent of mental problems.

"I'm not an alarmist, but I think this is a serious problem. It may be worse just because of the nature of the war," he said, citing extended tours of duty and the change of mission from liberation to occupation.

In the study of 6,201 servicemembers, the researchers surveyed four groups: Army brigades before they went to Iraq, after six months in Afghanistan and after eight months in Iraq;

## Troops not seeking mental health care

Of the 12 percent of combat units surveyed who met the screening criteria for a mental disorder, 83 percent acknowledged they had a problem but only 29 percent had received professional help over the past year.

### Perceived barriers to seeking mental health services

Soldiers and Marines with a mental disorder who agree and strongly agree

There would be difficulty getting time off work for treatment.

55%

It would harm my career.

50%

Members of my unit might have less confidence in me.

59%

My unit leadership might treat me differently.

63%

My leaders would blame me for the problem.

51%

I would be seen as weak.

65%

NOTE: Of the soldiers and Marines surveyed, 731 met the criteria for major depression, generalized anxiety or post-traumatic stress disorder, but not all answered every question

SOURCE: New England Journal of Medicine

AP

and Marine battalions after six months in Iraq. The soldiers and Marines filled out anonymous questionnaires

fore deployment, the rate was 5 percent, about the same as the general U.S. population.

The troops in Iraq saw more combat, including firefights and attacks, than those in Afghanistan. The Iraq units took part in the early fighting of the war.

Studies done years after the Vietnam and Gulf wars showed the rate of post-traumatic stress disorder at the time was 15 percent for Vietnam veterans and 2 percent to 10 percent for Gulf War veterans, the researchers reported.

In the latest study, only 38 percent of those who indicated mental health disorders were interested in getting help, and 23 percent to 40 percent reported seeing someone for help. They cited concerns about how they would be seen by peers and potential damage to their careers.

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Stress Disorder

## Survey is starting point for addressing mental health

### Services look for better ways to prepare troops for strain

BY SANDRA JONTZ

Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — Troops surveyed after serving in Iraq and Afghanistan have indicated that the stigma of seeking counseling would keep them from doing so, said the two authors of an Army battle-stress study.

The most important finding are the barriers to care," said co-author Army Col. Charles Hoge, chief of Psychiatry and Behavioral Science at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research.

"Soldiers and Marines with mental health [issues] don't receive help because of the stigma."

Such a stigma isn't anything new, acknowledged the other co-principal investigator, Lt. Col. Carl Castro.

"Are the findings surprising? Not really. We know, for example, that combat ... impacts soldiers. We know that from previous wars, and we need to find out exactly what those barriers are and what we can do as an organization to reduce or eliminate them."

But for the first time, the study puts a number to the fact, he said.

"This allows us to quantify the problem, to characterize what we are trying to address. And now, when we implement new programs, policies and procedures, we will have the numbers to assess whether they are working."

"The whole reason we're conducting the study is to address this issue. We know we're not perfect. The Army is a learning organization. We know there is a culture of stigma to mental health, and we need to find out exactly what those barriers are and what we can do as an organization to reduce or eliminate them."

The military services have several initiatives to counter perceived barriers, some related to the study and some started independently to address problems of post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, suicides and other mental health concerns, Castro said.

"One of the things we're doing is we're using training and education, telling the soldiers what they might experience and what to expect" on the battlefield, said Castro, who also was one of 12

mental health experts who visited Iraq and Kuwait last summer and fall.

Part of their task included investigating suicides in the field. In total, there were 26 self-inflicted deaths in Iraq and Kuwait between April and December, with 24 in the Army and two in the Marine Corps.

Troops indicated that receiving pre-deployment education and training made them more likely to seek out mental help, and to comfort a fellow soldier, Castro said.

The Pentagon's health system also is boosting the number of mental health counselors and social workers at primary care facilities, embedding mental health providers on the battlefield so troops don't have to leave their units to get treatment, and conducting mandatory post-deployment health assessments, which include a mental health evaluation, though they are not anonymous.

The DOD-wide program Military One Source lets members receive six free and confidential sessions with a civilian provider off-post, and thus outside of the military system and a member's chain of command, Castro said.

The programs are less than a year old and officials have no research data on its use or effectiveness as of yet, he said.

In order to keep the service confidential, participants are issued an identification number. Those needing more than the six sessions must be brought back into the military medical system, he said.

Web sites are service specific: [www.armyone.com](http://www.armyone.com), [www.navyonesource.com](http://www.navyonesource.com), [www.airforcesource.com](http://www.airforcesource.com) and [www.mccosonesource.com](http://www.mccosonesource.com)

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■ In South Korea, the DSN number is 550-Army (550-2769) or commercial 001-800-46481077.

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## U.S. deaths in Iraq

By The Associated Press

As of Wednesday 853 U.S. servicemembers have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq last year, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 632 died as a result of hostile action and 221 died of non-hostile causes.

The British military has reported 59 deaths; Italy, 18; Spain, eight; Bulgaria and Poland, six each; Ukraine, four; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; Denmark, two; El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia and the Netherlands have reported one each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 715 U.S. soldiers have died — 523 as a result of hostile action and 192 of nonhostile causes.

Since the March 2003 start of U.S. military operations in Iraq, 5,394 U.S. servicemembers have been identified in hostile action, according to the Defense Department's weekly tally.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

■ No new deaths.

The latest identifications reported by Pennsylvania Marine Reserve officials:

■ Killed Tuesday by a roadside bomb in Baghdad; assigned to Bridge Company B, 6th Engineer Support Battalion, Folsom, Pa.

■ Marine Sgt. Alan D. Sherman, 36, Wanamassa, N.J.;

■ Marine Capt. John Todd III, 25, Bridgeport, Pa.

■ Marine Lance Cpl. Patrick Adle, 21, Delair, Md.



# No mirage: Cheerleaders in Kuwait

BY FRED ZIMMERMAN

Stars and Stripes

CAMP ARIFJAN, Kuwait — A small squad of cheerleaders for the NFL's Baltimore Ravens spent more than an hour here Wednesday entertaining troops.

Servicemembers from the North Carolina National Guard's 1450th Transportation Company, which has been in Kuwait for a little more than three months, said the visit raised their spirits. The group arrived for the show at 5 p.m. — 2½ hours before it kicked off.

"Where else have you seen cheerleaders in the desert?" Spc. Bradley Oxford asked while explaining why the guardsmen arrived early for front row seats.

"Fashion TV just isn't cutting it anymore," added fellow Spc. Johnny "Irish Red" Killian.

During the performance, the squad did more than dance and perform acrobatic stunts. They had volunteers perform lifts with the cheerleaders and held a push-up contest with cheerleaders sitting on contestants' backs.

Another contest, called "lap dance," had eager volunteers, both men and women, in chairs while opposite-sex team

members danced for them. The contestant had to keep eye contact and couldn't crack a smile. Prizes ranged from T-shirts to lanyards were given away in all contests.

The troupe is on a two-week tour that will hopefully take its members to Iraq and end in Qatar, according to Mark, a five-year stunt team member. None of the cheerleading staff gave their last names out of privacy concerns.

Mark said the Iraq portion of the trip isn't definite, but the group would like to be able to entertain troops there.

"This is a phenomenal experience — a life-altering experience, especially for the other cheerleaders who don't have any military experience," said Mark, a captain in the Maryland National Guard and company commander of the 229th Main Support Battalion's Company B.

He said 60 of his soldiers who were activated just returned to Maryland from Kuwait.

"We just want to give them a shot in the arm and hopefully re-energize them," Mark said of those watching the performance. "We're glad we can give them a change of pace and allow them to refocus. We also want to let them know that we ap-

preciate what they're doing, and that it's important."

Rachel, who has been on the squad for three years, said talking with troops has given her a new perspective.

"It's one thing to hear and read [about life in Iraq], but it's another thing to sit down and talk with [troops] and hear that one of their buddies was killed," she said.

"I came into this with a tremendous amount of respect, but now I have a whole new appreciation."

Rachel said that while it's nice to hear the troops liked their show, it's even better to hear that they made a difference. She said the best compliment they've received was "heard from all ranks — I haven't smiled this much the entire time I've been here."

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**Above: Baltimore Ravens cheerleader Michelle gets a ride on the back of a contestant during a push-up competition Wednesday night on Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. Below: A group of appreciative troops give the Ravens' cheerleaders a standing ovation after their performance.**

**Airman 1st Class Mark Maliwanag, from the 891st Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, is wished a happy birthday by the Baltimore Ravens cheerleaders.**



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From left to right, Sgt. Wesley Parkhurst, Spec. Robert Isaacks, Terry Boyd, and Pfc. Michael Greenwood.

# U.S. hits suspected al-Zarqawi safehouse

BY TODD PITMAN  
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — U.S. jets pounded a suspected safehouse of terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi in Fallujah on Thursday.

The missile strike, the latest in a series targeting the man suspected of masterminding deadly attacks and beheadings in Iraq, killed four people, according to a doctor in the insurgent-controlled city.

In other violence, a homemade bomb exploded near the northern city of Mosul as a military convoy passed by, killing a coalition soldier and wounding two others, the military said. The soldiers' nationalities were not immediately revealed.

A roadside bomb detonated near a central Baghdad hospital, wounding a senior Iraqi Finance Ministry official and killing two of his guards, police and hospital officials said. Ehsan Karim, the head of the ministry's audit board, suffered slight injuries,

## Airstrike reportedly kills four in Fallujah hideout as insurgents continue attacks

said Col. Adnan Hussein, head of the Interior Ministry's information office.

Another roadside bomb exploded in the Amiriya district of the capital after a U.S. patrol passed through. Several Iraqi bystanders were killed and injured, Hussein said.

The U.S. attack on the safe house was launched after "multiple confirmations of Iraqi and multinational intelligence," said Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt, deputy operations director for the multinational force.

"This operation employed precision weapons to attack the safe house and underscores the resilience of multinational and Iraqi security forces to jointly destroy terrorist networks within Iraq," Kimmitt said.

Kimmitt did not mention casualties in his statement, but Dr. Loai Ali of the Fallujah General Hospital said four people were killed and 10 injured. There was no word on whether al-Zarqawi was in the house.

The raid came hours after rebels fired mortar rounds at a U.S. base on the outskirts of Baghdad's airport, wounding 11 soldiers and starting a fire that burned for more than an hour.

U.S. forces have mounted three previous airstrikes against suspected terrorist hideouts in recent days. On Friday, U.S. jets pounded a suspected al-Zarqawi hideout, killing up to 25 people, U.S. officials said.

Al-Zarqawi, a Jordanian militant said to be connected to al-Qaida, is believed to be behind

a series of coordinated attacks on police and security forces last week that killed 100 people. He is also believed to be behind the beheading of two hostages, American Nicholas Berg and South Korean Kim Sun-il.

U.S. authorities Wednesday increased to \$25 million the reward for information leading to his arrest, more than doubling the previous offering of \$10 million. Osama bin Laden has a \$50 million bounty on his head.

Fallujah is believed to have become a stronghold of the al-Zarqawi's Tawhid and Jihad movement since Marines lifted their three-week siege in April and handed over security to a locally raised force commanded by officers from Saddam's army.

In other violence, clashes were

reported overnight between militiamen loyal to radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr and police in Amarah, southeast of Baghdad, but no casualties were reported, said Basim Bahloul, a senior police officer.

Meanwhile, police slapped a 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew on the Shiite holy city of Najaf on Wednesday, a day after discovering about 150 pounds of explosives in a white BMW, police Brig. Ghalib al-Jazari said.

One Libyan man who allegedly entered Iraq from neighboring Syria to fight U.S. forces was detained over the incident, al-Jazari said.

The police chief also said militiamen loyal to al-Sadr kidnapped 25 policemen Tuesday in Najaf, 100 miles south of Baghdad, in response to the arrest of two of their colleagues but released 16 of them on Wednesday.

Ahmad al-Shibani, an al-Sadr spokesman, confirmed the kidnappings, but said all 25 had been freed. "We just wanted to teach them a lesson," he said.

# Despite advanced age, Guard unit keeps on trucking

BY FRED ZIMMERMAN  
Stars and Stripes

CAMP ARIFIAN, Kuwait — At nearly 50 years of age, the hardest working members of the 1244th Transportation Company have proved they can do everything their younger counterparts can do, and then some.

The 1244th, an Illinois National Guard unit from North Riverside, is one of only two units

currently supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom II that uses the old M818 semi-trucks, according to Capt. Rhonda Petersen, unit commander. The trucks rolled off the assembly line in the 1950s. But age hasn't stopped the unit from chewing up roads in Kuwait and Iraq.

"We've driven a total of 3.4 million miles, with the average mission being between 150 to 200 miles," Petersen said of the unit's 17 months here. They also have not had one combat loss or injury, or lost a load or truck during a mission, Petersen said.

According to one transportation specialist, or driver, the unit's good fortune has been because of how they operate.

"Every time we go to Iraq, we

always look intimidating by a show of force," said Sgt. Jose Sanchez.

What also helps missions run smoothly are the 17 mechanics. Petersen said the wrench turners were working 16 to 18 hours a day the first six months in Kuwait.

Sgt. Andrew Lang, one of the mechanics, said that during those first months, they virtually had no parts for their vintage trucks.

"We did a lot of transfers from one truck to another," Lang said, "kind of rob from Paul to give to Peter."

Even when they got parts, they still had to get creative. Lang said the mechanics were doing maintenance one level above what most were trained to do and didn't always have the right tools. They would borrow from other units or improvise to get the job done.

Because the trucks are so old, fellow mechanic Sgt. Matthew Palm said, the unit has scrapped 10 percent of its fleet due to problems such as blown engines or bad transmissions.

Sanchez said it seemed as though the trucks knew when they were on a mission in Iraq, and would perform almost perfectly.



FRED ZIMMERMAN/Stars and Stripes

Army Sgt. Andrew Lang watches as Sgt. Matthew Palm, not pictured, begins to lift a broken winch out of an M818 truck using a wrench. The two soldiers, both mechanics, say they sometimes have to come up with creative ways to fix the 1950s-era trucks.

fectly. "We wouldn't have any problems in Iraq, but once we came back in the Truckville gate, they would start acting up and leaking," he said.

One advantage the mechanics have here is the heat. Palm said that when the unit was mobilized, 30 percent of its trucks went down because of the cold weather of northern Illinois. He said it was a three-hour project just to get the trucks started because the diesel fuel would gel in the lines.

Sanchez agreed that the hot, dry climate here makes the trucks perform better.

"In the States, top speed was

about 30 [mph]," Sanchez said. "Here we [swell over 50]."

The drivers of the 1244th seem to prefer the older truck to newer versions, even though their vehicles don't have air conditioning. "It gets hot in there with the heat from the engine," Sanchez said. "It gets about 150 in the cab and you've got all your gear on. The 915s [newer trucks] would drive by with 'Brr, it's cold in here' written on their doors."

Sanchez said they would write their own message of "don't laugh, it's paid for."

Petersen said she's proud of the soldiers in her unit for coming together and working hard. She

said the unit may be home soon — it has a flight date for late July. But, she said, this is its fourth flight date, and there's always a possibility the unit could be extended.

Sgt. Donald May, transportation specialist, said he prefers the old trucks to the new because they're tougher and don't get stuck in the sand as easily.

"They're built to take a beating and they have," May said. "These trucks are old, but they are reliable. We may not be the pride of the Army, but without us, pride don't ride."

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**Petty Officer 1st Class Narciso Victoria recently won the military chess championships at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss. He will participate in the NATO championships next month. Victoria said he started playing chess when he was 11. "When you're a kid, you hate losing. When I lost, I would cry," he said.**

**JOSEPH KANE**  
Courtesy of U.S. Navy



## Victoria knows queens — and kings

For Naples-based petty officer 1st class, next move is NATO chess championships

**BY JASON CHUDY**  
Stars and Stripes

Petty Officer 1st Class Narciso Victoria of Personnel Support Detachment Naples, Italy, recently was crowned the military's top chess player during the six-day intensive championship at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

Victoria will be part of a six-member U.S. military team to compete in a NATO tournament next month. He will be joined by Tech. Sgt. Dan Ranario of RAF Mildenhall, England, the only other Europe-based servicemember who earned a spot on the team.

Victoria, an Olongapo, Philippines, native, has been playing chess for more than 30 years, having started when he was 11.

"It became my passion," he said. "When you're a kid, you hate losing. When I lost, I would cry."

Victoria started playing in local tournaments by 13 and continued when he enlisted in the Navy 17 years ago.

He carries a U.S. Chess Federation ranking of expert and is three points shy of becoming a master, the second-highest USCF ranking behind senior master. Points, he said, are gained by playing in sanctioned tournaments.

Victoria has gone to the military chess championships every year for the past four, coming in third overall in 2002 and 2003. Competition between the 24 players, he said, was stiff in the latest event, which ended June 25. "It's really good," he said, "very, very tough."

In addition to his first-place win, he helped the Navy team tie the Air Force, who were two-time defending champions.

Chess players, he was once told, need three things to succeed: natural talent, a tremendous will to win and a great de-

sire to study the game. He says that he can add "family support" to his successes.

Victoria also keeps his game fresh by playing with an Italian chess club and against other military and civilian members on base.

Victoria, who works as a team leader for customer service matters in personnel, started preparing for this year's military championship right after last year's tournament.

"I spent about two hours a day reading books [about chess]," he said. "You can't just show up and play. You need to prepare openings, at least two [different] moves."

The NATO championships are Aug. 8-13 in The Hague, Netherlands. Last year Victoria placed fifth, losing only one match. This year, he hopes to place at least third.

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# VMET now online for transition

**BY LISA HORN**  
Stars and Stripes

Military personnel leaving the service have another tool to help them get a job in the civilian world. The Verification of Military Experience and Training document is now available online.

The Defense Department document, which lists all military training that a servicemember completed while in service, was previously available only by visiting a transition assistance program office or Army Career and Alumni Program Center.

Servicemembers can review their VMET at [www.dmdc.osd.mil/vmet](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/vmet)

"Basically, any military training course that they've attended should be on there," said Phillip Medellin, an officer for the Army Career and Alumni Program. "It's a thumbnail sketch of their military career — their experience, their training."

College courses completed while in the military are not recorded on the VMET. A troop's military occupational specialty, however, and the start and end dates of every grade a servicemember has had in a specific MOS is listed.

"The VMET puts the information in civilian terms," Medellin said, referring to the abundance of acronyms and abbreviations used in the military.

But the VMET shouldn't be the only tool used, Medellin added.

"You're going to [need] to have a lot of other documents — education documents, copies of evaluation reports, commendations, awards — a whole variety of things," he said.

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## Stewart, Thompson named IMA top soldiers

**BY LISA HORN**  
Stars and Stripes

The headquarters for Installation Management Agency-Europe has selected its first soldier and noncommissioned officer of the year.

Spc. Ulysses C. Stewart of the 26th Area Support Group and Staff Sgt. John M. Thompson of the 80th ASG were presented the awards last Friday.

A board consisting of eight command sergeants major and senior NCOs met last month in Heidelberg, Germany, to determine the winners.

Six candidates, nominated by their ASG sergeants major, were evaluated on their Army physical fitness test results, land navigation skills, weapons qualifications and knowledge of military subjects, such as first aid and



Courtesy of U.S. Army

**Staff Sgt. John M. Thompson of the 80th Area Support Group, left, and Spc. Ulysses C. Stewart of the 26th ASG — shown in Heidelberg, Germany — were named the Installation Management Agency-Europe's first noncommissioned and soldier of the year, respectively, last week.**

drill and ceremony.

Stewart and Thompson each received several prizes, including a \$250 check from the Association of the U.S. Army and savings bonds totaling \$300 from USSA and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

They will compete against six

other IMA regional winners at the IMA-wide competition July 11-15 at Fort A.P. Hill, Va. The top soldier and NCO at that contest will compete for the Department of the Army Soldier and NCO of the Year.

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## Grigignano travel office

NAPLES, Italy — An Information, Tours and Travel office opened Thursday at the Grigignano support site, two weeks after its Agnano office closed.

The opening was delayed because of problems with the new building's ventilation system, according to Thomas Wilson, marketing director for Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

Temporarily located in the building behind the fire station,

ITT will move into the support site's massive retail complex when it opens next summer.

The office, open 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, has limited services including tour bookings but not flight arrangements. Customers can use a courtesy phone to contact ITT's office in Capodichino for full services.

Wilson said hours and services likely will expand in September. Phone numbers: DSN 629-7900, commercial 081-811-7900.

From staff reports

## Messages of Support

★ Last wanted to say Thanks to the many men and women serving overseas. You are all brave and you will never know how much it means to me that you are willing to fight so that I may be free. You will always be in my prayers. STAY SAFE AND COME HOME SOON!!!! God Bless America. Sincerely, Patricia A. N., Imperial, MO

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## Giessen shows signs of gearing up for GLs' return

Across central Germany, 1st Armored Division communities are getting ready to welcome home thousands of soldiers. In Giessen, banners have been strung up for members of the 16th Engineer Battalion and the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery Regiment. More than 1,200 troops from Giessen have been deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom since the spring of 2003. Walking past the row of banners is Pvt. Brandon Stew of the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery Regiment.

KEVIN DOUGHERTY/Stars and Stripes



## NATO HQ gets new name

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — As of Friday, the NATO Headquarters Allied Air Forces North at Ramstein Air Base will be called Component Command-Air Headquarters NATO said.

The name change reflects the streamlined command structure, which was initiated in 2002 as a result of the Prague NATO Summit in the Czech Republic, a NATO release said.

Together with the maritime component at Northwood, United Kingdom, and a land component command at Heidelberg, Germany, the air headquarters at Ramstein falls under the Joint Force Command at Headquarters Brunsum, in the Netherlands.

The Ramstein NATO headquarters' mission is to ensure the security and territorial integrity of member nations through air policing and through command and control of air operations; and to contribute to the preservation of peace and stability

through operations, cooperative activities and dialogue, the release said.

## Hohenfels Fourth of July celebration

The Hohenfels, Germany, military community will celebrate the Fourth of July with two days of events.

On Saturday, beginning at 9 a.m., there will be an Independence Day 5K Fun Run, starting at the Gate 2 road. A community garage sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Community Activities Center Building 40.

On Sunday, from 3 p.m. until midnight, an Open-Air Extravaganza is planned at The Great Escape club. There will be free food, games, including a dunking booth, and contests including spouse-calling and hot dog competitions. A variety band will provide entertainment. Fireworks will be held at 10:30 p.m.

From staff reports

# Base readiness seen in a Flash

BY MARNI MCENTEE

Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — It can happen at any time, without warning — just like a terrorist attack.

Euro Flash, a commandwide force-protection exercise in U.S. Air Forces in Europe, is a no-notice drill meant to keep armies ready to respond to terrorist attacks or intelligence of such an attack.

So far, the command has had two Euro Flash exercises, one in April and one late last month, said Capt. Eric Waterworth, the exercise boss and a member of USAF's Inspector General Support Division.

"We want to develop the force-protection skills of all USAF members at their home bases. These same skills also can be used at deployed locations," Waterworth said.

Waterworth, who helps develop Euro Flash scenarios, didn't want to disclose the specifics of the exercises. But he said security force troops, fire departments and medical personnel are usually in-

involved because they're the first-responders in an emergency.

In some cases, nearly every department on every base could be called upon to react.

Lt. Col. John Quattrone, commander of the 31st Security Forces Squadron at Aviano Air Base, Italy, said the exercises so far have been fairly realistic.

"It definitely tests the element of surprise at the tactical level," Quattrone said. The multibase exercise also helps troops determine if a similar threat exists at another installation.

"You're getting a bigger picture of what's happening commandwide," Quattrone said. Inspector teams fan out to each USAF base to evaluate how well troops perform.

"They've gotten very well," Waterworth said. "We're learning lots of good lessons. Every base is learning from the other ones."

Only the scenario gurus know when the next Euro Flash will pop up. And Waterworth, for one, isn't talking.

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# Messages of Support

## THE INFANTRYMAN

I cannot help myself from feeling pride and being proud for all our service personnel each time I read this. Just heard Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld say today, "Our troops are ready to go. We just need the word from the President," or words to that effect. The days ahead will bring a lot of hardship and death to many people on all sides. Only God can help them now, as it appears a war is written in the sand.

The average age of the Infantryman is 19 years.

He is a short haired, tight-muscled kid who, under normal circumstances is considered by society as half man, half boy. Not yet 20 behind the ears, not old enough to buy a beer, but old enough to die for his country.

He never really cared much for work and he would have never collected unemployment either.

He's a recent High School graduate; he was probably an average student, pursued some farm-off activities, drives a ten year old jalopy, and has a steady girlfriend that either broke up with him when he left, or swears to be waiting when he returns from half a world away.

He listens to rock and roll or hip-hop or rap or jazz or swing and 155mm Howitzers.

He is 10 or 15 pounds lighter now than when he was at home because he is working or fighting from before dawn to well after dusk.

He has trouble spelling, thus letter writing is a pain for him, but he can field strip a rifle in 30 seconds and reassemble it in less time in the dark.

He can recite to you the nomenclature of a machine gun or grenade launcher and use either one effectively if he must.

He digs foxholes and latrines and can apply first aid like a professional.

He can march until he is told to stop or stop until he is told to march.

He obeys orders instantly and without hesitation, but he is not without spirit or individual dignity.

He is self-sufficient. He has two sets of fatigues; he washes one and wears the other. He keeps his canteens full and his feet dry.

He sometimes forgets to brush his teeth, but never let clean his rifle.

He can cook his own meals, mend his own clothes, and fix his own hurts. If you're thirsty, he'll share his water with you; if you are hungry, his food. He'll even split his ammunition with you in the midst of battle when you run low.

He has learned to use his hands like weapons and weapons like they were his hands. He can save your life - or take it, because that is his job.

He will often do the work of a civilian, draw half the pay and still find ironic humor in it all. He has seen more suffering and death than he should have in his short lifetime.

He has stood atop mountains of dead bodies, and helped to create them.

He has wept in public and in private, for friends who have fallen in combat and is unashamed.

He feels every note of the National Anthem vibrate through his body while at rigid attention, while tempering the burning desire to "square-away" those around him who haven't bothered to stand, remove their hat, or even stop talking. In an odd twist, day in and day out, far from home, he defends their right to be disrespectful.

Just as did his Father, Grandfather, and Great-grandfather, he is paying the price for our freedom.

Beardless or not, he is not a boy.

He is the American Fighting Man that has kept this country free for over 200 years.

He has asked nothing in return, except our friendship and understanding.

Remember him, always, for he has earned our respect and admiration with his blood.

## IN THE STATES

# Re-sworn in as Connecticut governor

BY SUSAN HAIGH

The Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — M. Jodi Zell was sworn in Thursday as Connecticut's governor, promising to restore "faith, integrity and honor" after taking over from John G. Rowland, who resigned amid a federal corruption investigation and a threatened impeachment.

Zell, 58, a Republican who ran on Rowland's ticket three times, took the oath of office shortly after noon on the north steps of the state Capitol.

"It has been a time of profound disappointment and disillusionment," Zell said in her inaugural address. "It has been a moment in history that we never thought we would see, and fervently hope that we never see again."

"Today, we begin to restore faith, integrity and honor to our government," she said. "It is our solemn obligation. It will be our lasting legacy."

Rowland, who has been under fire for accepting gifts from employees and state contractors, did not attend the inauguration; a spokesman had said he planned to spend the day with his family.

The announcement of Rowland's resignation came last week, just days after the state Supreme Court ruled that the legislative panel considering his impeachment could subpoena him to testify.

Zell, who became only the second woman to serve as governor in Connecticut, will serve out the remainder of Rowland's third term, which expires in January 2007.

Later Thursday afternoon, Senate President Pro Tem Kevin B. Sullivan, a Democrat, was to be sworn in as lieutenant governor.

The scandal-plagued Rowland had been on the sidelines since announcing last week he would resign. Rowland had been the de facto

governor, announcing members of her new administration, presiding over the State Bond Commission and discussing her plans for the remaining 2½ years of Rowland's term.

Brian Mattiello, Rowland's chief of staff who will serve as Zell's deputy chief of staff, said Zell wanted it that way.

"I think he recognized the attention has turned to Lt. Gov. Zell and quite rightly well," said Mattiello. "He wishes her well."

Even as Rowland left office, Zell announced she was issuing Executive Order No. 1, which imposes "strict ethics restraints on those who serve in government" and creates a new public integrity officer in her Cabinet.

Rowland had come under fire for accepting gifts from state contractors, friends and politically appointed employees. He continues to be a subject of a federal corruption investigation into alleged bid-rigging.



M. Jodi Zell, left, is sworn in as governor of Connecticut by state Supreme Court Chief Justice William J. Sullivan as her daughter, Meredith O'Connor, looks on. Zell succeeds John Rowland.

## 'Thin Blue Line' killer executed in Texas after appeals rejected

BY MICHAEL GRACYZK

The Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE, Texas — More than 18 years after he was sentenced to death, the legal lifeline ran out for convicted killer David Ray Harris, who gained notoriety from a documentary movie that helped show his false testimony put an innocent man on Texas' death row.

Harris, 43, was executed Wednesday night after a flurry of appeals tried to keep him from the Texas death chamber for a 1985 slaying during a break-in and attempted abduction in Beaumont.

Harris became prominent in the 1988 film "The Thin Blue Line," which focused on the unfair conviction of another man, Randall Dale Adams, for the 1976 shooting death of a Dallas police officer.

Harris had fingered Adams as the killer of the officer, Robert Wood. Years later, Harris recanted his trial testimony and attested to Adams' innocence.

Adams spent 12 years in prison and in May 1979 came within three days of execution for a slaying he insisted he didn't commit. The year after, the U.S. Supreme Court threw out his death sentence because of jury selection problems at his trial. His sentence was commuted to life and in 1989, a year before the movie, Adams was freed.

By that time, Harris, an apprentice bricklayer

from Vidor, was on death row for killing Mark May's 30, outside May's apartment in Beaumont. By then he also had been booted out of the military and had served time in California for burglary and robbery.

Harris' execution, the 10th this year in Texas, was thrown into uncertainty Tuesday when a federal judge, acting on a request from Harris' lawyers, issued a restraining order barring Texas officials from using the three-drug "lethal cocktail" normally injected into an inmate's veins to execute him.

Lawyers said the drugs contributed to an unconstitutional inmate's death, but the Texas attorney general's office appealed to a higher court to get the order lifted.

Other appeals in the courts included a contention from defense lawyers that testimony was unreliable from psychiatrists who advised jurors Harris would continue to be a danger if he lived, and that his 18 years on death row amounted to improper cruel and unusual punishment.

The Supreme Court rejected all the appeals just after 6 p.m. CDT. Less than an hour later, at 6:48 p.m., he was pronounced dead.

Harris never looked at two members of May's family who watched through a window along with Roxanne Burkhardt, the woman he had tried to abduct the day Mays was gunned down.

## Anthony Hope dies nearly a year after his dad

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Anthony J. "Tony" Hope, son of the late American entertainer Bob Hope and former head of the U.S. National Indian Gaming Commission, died Monday, his sister said. He was 63.

Hope died at his home in Washington, D.C., after a brief undisclosed illness, Linda Hope said from her home in Los Angeles. His death comes nearly a year after the death of his father, Bob Hope, who was 100 when he died of pneumonia last year.

Tony Hope ran for the U.S. Congress in 1996, seeking to fill the seat vacated by Republican repre-

sentative Bobbi Fiedler of California.

Hope was upset in the primary by the little-known mayor of Simi Valley, California, Edythe Galt, who went on to win the general election.

Before his congressional bid, Hope served on two U.S. presidential commissions under Presidents Ronald

Reagan and Gerald Ford. President Jimmy Carter later named him to the Government Management Improvement Council, and the first President-elect George Bush appointed him chairman of the National

Indian Gaming Commission, which regulates casinos run by American Indians.



Tony Hope

Bob Hope

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 ★ Our thoughts and concerns are with you, constantly!  
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 ★ To T. Fox You all are doing a great job over there. Our prayers and thoughts are with all you and all the soldiers fighting for our country. Keep your head up high and know that we are waiting for your safe return home. Love and friendship, Janice K. and John C.J. In Houston  
 ★ A. Ybarra With love and prayers, you and your family are in our thoughts. We hope to see you reunited with your sooners. May God bless you and soldiers to see you home safely. Your friends in Texas, Jim, Candy, and Jessica  
 ★ Thank you for putting your life on the line for all of us. What an incredible unselfish act of Love. I am very proud of you and love you very much. Miss You Lots! Your Step-Mom Peggy  
 ★ I just wanted to thank you for all you are doing, all the sacrifices you are making. Words can't express the gratitude and the appreciation I'm feeling. May God Bless and Keep you safe. Always remember you are in our thoughts and prayers. Thank you, Wendy  
 ★ I'm thinking of you guys all the time. Thank you so much for serving our country. Everyone is so proud of you, our soldiers. We are praying for you always. God Bless! Thank you! Mary Handlon

# Starbucks to slim some of its sinful drinks

BY ALLISON LINN  
The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Gary Lass didn't think twice before ordering his usual Starbucks grande mocha Frappuccino one sunny afternoon.

"I drink too many of these, and they're not good for me," the 63-year-old admitted a bit sheepishly as he sipped the 420-calorie chocolate, coffee and whipped cream concoction. "I always wish I hadn't afterward, but my craving overcomes common sense."

It may seem counterintuitive to say that coffee is fattening — and, indeed, a regular cup of joe at Starbucks has just 10 calories. But add a little milk, a splash of chocolate or a squirt of whipped cream and things can get considerably more caloric.

A 16-ounce nonfat latte weighs in at a meager 160 calories, but the same size mocha — with whole milk and whipped cream — jumps up to 400 calories.

The sweet, summery frozen drinks can be even more tempting — and sinful. The largest Java Chip Frappuccino tips the scales at 650 calories — 50 calories more than a Big Mac — and contains 25 grams of fat, compared with 33 grams for the Big Mac.

Surprised that your afternoon coffee break can be so caloric?



Gary Lass, 63, takes a sip from his grande mocha Frappuccino with whipped cream that he bought from a Seattle Starbucks last week.

Diane Javelli, a clinical dietitian with the University of Washington in Seattle, said many people do not count the calories they slurp, whether it's coffee, juice or soda.

"I think often we have the perception if we're drinking it, it doesn't have to have calories," she said.

When compiling a diet history, Javelli often walks through her

patient's coffee drink choice, breaking down everything from flavoring to milk fat.

She doesn't necessarily recommend cutting out lattes altogether — after all, there is protein, calcium and vitamin D in that milk — but she does often counsel patients to try a smaller size or limit themselves to just a few drinks a week.

For kids, however, Javelli is more cautious. The fat and calories

## Coffee calories

All the extras included in today's tasty coffee beverages turn a plain old cup o' joe into a dessert binge.

Whip cream .....  
130 calories  
Mocha, Caramel .....  
per pump 25  
Sugar packet .....  
15

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Whole 270  
Nonfat 160  
Soy 210

Coffee 16 oz .....  
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lower-fat milk and artificial sweeteners. A 12-ounce serving of the new light drink will have 110 calories and 1 gram of fat, compared with 190 calories and 2.5 grams of fat for the regular version.

The Seattle-based chain of coffee shops also plans to stock stores with brochures detailing nutritional information about all their drinks. The same data has been available on Starbucks' Web site for about a year.

Despite the increased attention to obesity in America, Starbucks Senior Vice President Michelle Gass said the company has not seen a backlash from customers suddenly worried about how fattening their coffee is. The new light drinks and brochures, she said, "are just part of, in general, us trying to answer consumer needs."

Carl Sibilski, an analyst with Morningstar in Chicago, said he has not seen any evidence that sales of the higher-calorie Frappuccinos are down. The move to offer light drinks follows an industry trend toward more healthy foods, which could expand Starbucks' customer base, he said.

Still, he doubts the light Frappuccinos will be a blockbuster item. "I don't think that people are thinking about calories or the health of the products they buy when they go into a Starbucks," he said.



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# Civil Rights Act: A 40-year work in progress

By DAVID CRARY  
The Associated Press

BALTIMORE — For President Lyndon Johnson and the mostly white congressional majority he helped assemble, passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act was a triumph step toward racial justice.

Forty years later, American history teacher Carolyn Matkocks tells her classes the act's legacy is not so simple.

"The civil rights movement was a wonderful movement, but we as a people did not take it as far as we should have," said Matkocks, 35, who teaches adult students at inner-city Baltimore's predominantly black Sojourner-Douglas College.

"There's still unfinished business," Matkocks said, referring to persistent social inequities and divided black leadership.

"There's a duty that we as a younger generation have—to finish what this business."

## Many agree that more needs to be done for equality

Many would agree, though by any measure, the Civil Rights Act was momentous. Signed by Johnson on July 2, 1964, after a record two-month filibuster by embittered Southern senators, the act's key provisions banned segregation in any facility offering public services and outlawed discrimination in hiring.

"Together, those two provisions led to a veritable sea change in the way Americans conducted their lives," said Wade Henderson, executive director of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights.

Henderson was a high school student in Washington, D.C., when the act was passed. He encountered segregation in the capital firsthand as a boy, and recalls help-wanted ads in the newspa-

pers that specified whether blacks or whites should apply.

"The little indignities of legal segregation really gnawed away at how you saw yourself and how you saw American democracy," Henderson said. "The Civil Rights Act had a profoundly transformative effect, especially in the workplace — it's now the place most Americans encounter people of different races and ethnicities."

In the ensuing four decades, black Americans have made tremendous strides. Their poverty rate has dropped by nearly half; rates of high school graduation and home ownership have soared; blacks preside over prestigious universities, major corporations, the State Department and the American Bar Association.

However, glaring gaps remain. A recent National Urban League report said black Americans' earning power is only 73 percent of whites and their life expectancy is six years less. Predominantly black public schools are often badly underfunded, compared with mostly white schools, and black incarceration rates are higher now than in 1964.

According to one recent study in the American Sociological Review, more young black men have done time in prison than have served in the military or earned a college degree. Nationally, about 13 percent of black men — 1.4 million in all — are ineligible to vote because of criminal records.

"I should have thought that everyone, even down to ex-felons, would be able to realize the Ameri-

can dream, but that's not true," said Clayton Guiton, who assists ex-offenders at Baltimore's Rose Street Community Center. "Once they go to prison, it's almost impossible for them to re-enter society."

The Civil Rights Act resulted from years of relentless campaigning by civil leaders, whose protest marches in the South often provoked brutal responses from the defenders of segregation.

President John F. Kennedy, who earlier in his political career had sometimes been cautious on racial issues, addressed Congress in June 1963 to urge passage of a sweeping civil rights bill. Martin Luther King Jr. led a historic march in Washington in August.

After Kennedy's assassination that November, Johnson took up the cause, a Texan willing to break with many of his fellow Southerners to push through an even bolder version of the bill.

# Cassini spacecraft enters orbit with Saturn's rings

By JOHN ANTZAK  
The Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. — Just hours after swooping into orbit around Saturn, the Cassini spacecraft sent images of the giant planet's rings back to Earth early Thursday.

The shadowy close-ups were taken as the U.S.-European craft looked down on ring segments as it entered orbit late Wednesday.

The most detailed initial image showed a crisp group of more than a dozen thin bands.

Mission scientists and engineers at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory had watched tensely late Wednesday

as a signal indicated first that Cassini had launched nearly seven years ago — had safely passed through the ring plane and then performed a crucial engine firing. It squeezed through a gap in Saturn's shimmer-

ing rings, fired its brakes and settled into a near-perfect orbit around the giant planet.

As the first images became available Thursday, imaging team leader Carolyn Porco said the pictures would become more dramatic as Cassini's view changed to the side of the rings illuminated by the sun.

"It was an amazing opportunity to be this close," Porco said.

Putting the first spacecraft into orbit around Saturn marked an other major success this year for NASA, which had had two rovers operating on Mars since January and has a spacecraft heading home with samples from a comet encounter.

NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe, in a call from Washington, D.C., on Wednesday, called the orbit insertion an "amazing vic-

ty" and part of a "double header," following a successful spacewalk by the international space station crew earlier Wednesday evening.

A carefully choreographed maneuver allowed Cassini to be captured by Saturn's gravity as it arced within 12,500 miles of the giant planet's cloud tops.

Using its big radio dish as a shield against small particle strikes, the spacecraft ascended through a gap between two of the rings, then spun around and fired its engine for more than 1½ hours to slow its acceleration.

The craft then rotated again to place its shielding antenna in front as it descended back through the gap.

The maneuver had to be carried out automatically because Earth and Saturn are currently more than 900 million miles apart and radio signals take more than 80 minutes to travel each way.

Navigation team chief Jeremy Jones said initial analysis showed the orbit to be so good that a "cleanup" maneuver planned for Saturday would be very small.

The orbital insertion came after two decades of work by scientists in the United States and 17 nations. The \$3.3 billion mission was funded by NASA, the European Space Agency and the Italian Space Agency.

David Southwood, director of space science for the European Space Agency, called it a "world mission" but said the orbital insertion was "America doing it right." Cassini will now go on at least a four-year tour of Saturn and some of its 31 moons. Cassini was scheduled to make 76 orbits and repeated fly-bys of the moons.

Scientists hope the mission will

## Entering the rings

Orbit insertion process

June 30, 9:10 p.m. EDT

Craft turns away from Earth using antenna dish as shield as it crosses through outer ring plane (not shown).

10:36 p.m.

Engine burn begins to slow craft so it can be captured by Saturn's gravity

Antenna

Cassini

Deployable probe

Saturn

Titan

Titan and Saturn's other moons

Imaging radar will penetrate the thick haze that blankets Titan, Saturn's largest moon, and a probe will be deployed to its surface. Study will also focus on other of the many satellites in the most extensive moon system known in the solar system.

The planet and its magnetosphere

Areas of interest include temperature, cloud cover, atmospheric composition, lightning, global wind and the planet's magnetic field.

NOTE: Diagram not to scale

SOURCE: NASA

provide important clues about how the planets formed.

Cassini and the Huygens probe it carries are named for 17th-century astronomers Jean Domini Cassini and Christiaan Huygens.

The probe will be sent into the atmosphere of Saturn's big moon Titan in January. The moon, blanketed by a thick atmosphere of nitrogen and methane, is believed to have organic compounds re-

sembling those on Earth billions of years before life appeared.

Cassini has traveled 2.2 billion miles, getting gravitational assists from Earth and Venus as it caromed around the solar system.

## Messages of Support

★ Just a message to all of our men and women fighting in Iraq and all those who support them, that you are in my daily prayers and in those of friends and family. We pray for your safety and strength to endure

the hardships. We pray for the innocent people affected in this war. And we pray for a victory and a short war so that you can all return home safely. God be with you. Joan B., New Orleans, LA



## IN THE WORLD

## Afghanistan elections may be delayed again

BY STEPHEN GRAHAM  
The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Afghanistan's national elections beset by deadly Taliban attacks, feuding warlords and political squabbling — may have to be delayed again.

After weeks of assurances that the vote would take place in September, a top government official said Thursday that authorities cannot meet a deadline to schedule a vote that month, though he held out the possibility that the law was "flexible."

Farooq Wardak, a senior member of the Afghan election management body, said the group would not reach a decision on an election date until at least next

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week. That means that under laws that require a 90-day period between the calling of an election and an actual vote, the earliest the election could be held would be October.

"Much more consultation is required," Wardak told The Associated Press as he shuttled between meetings. "I'm hopeful that next week we'll have a decision."

Wardak said initially, "We will stick to the 90 days as far as the presidential election is concerned."

But after meeting with top U.N.

official Jean Arnault and President Hamid Karzai, Wardak backed off from that remark, saying there was "always flexibility" about the 90-day period.

"If all the preparations are in place, the end of September is still possible," Wardak said.

Karzai has pledged repeatedly to hold elections in September, despite mounting violence and concern that warlords and drug barons will use their guns and wealth to cement their power.

Presidential and parliamentary elections already were delayed from June, and October is seen as the last chance to hold a vote before snow closes high passes in the mountains of eastern Afghanistan until the spring of 2005.

Wardak said the government

statistics office had yet to deliver vital population estimates necessary to decide on the distribution of seats in Parliament.

He also said only four of the 20 political parties consulted by the election body insist on the parliamentary vote being held this fall.

The votes are supposed to be held simultaneously, but observers say there is a possibility that officials could separate them, holding the presidential vote in October and the parliamentary election next year.

Karzai argues that blocking the new Parliament would betray Afghans' hopes, some three years after the ouster of the hardline Taliban regime and more than two decades after the nation was plunged into a series of ruinous wars.

International officials have been cautioning for months that security is simply not adequate to hold the election.

The United Nations, which holds half the seats on the election body, warns that warlords and faction leaders — some in government — must disarm their private armies to keep the vote credible.

A U.N. spokesman acknowledged Thursday that setbacks in disarming the private militias have affected deliberations on the date of the election.

"There is indeed a debate," U.N. spokesman Manoel de Almeida e Silva said. "Of course, if the debate goes on, that will have an impact on the election date."

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Messages of Support

★ To our troops, We cannot put into words what your service to our country means to us. Our support and prayers are with you for a successful mission and a speedy return home. Your courage is unmatched. THANK YOU FOR KEEPING AMERICA FREE. Tom & Holly Donarski, Cottage Grove, WI

★ You have already won your fight with these false prophets, because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world.

These people belong to this world, so they speak from the worlds viewpoint, and the world listens to them. ||John 4:4-5

★ Just a quick message to say how proud I am of you and the courage you have shown during this conflict. You are in my thoughts and prayers. May God be with you. May he protect you as he did the Israelites with armies of angels. May the war end quickly and bring you all home safely. Tom

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New port rules tighten  
security across globe

BY JAKE LLOYD-SMITH  
The Associated Press

SINGAPORE — U.N.-backed rules to protect shipping from terrorists came into force Thursday with the world's two busiest ports in Hong Kong and Singapore reporting no early snags, suggesting Asia's major maritime centers could take the new code in stride.

However, a security expert warned a key test remained to come in the United States, where Coast Guard officials have warned they will apply the new rules rigorously.

"The Port of Singapore maintained smooth operations despite the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code coming into force today," the Maritime and Port Authority, or MPA, said in a statement.

Forty-one vessels arrived at the city-state's sprawling but efficient port in the first 10 hours after midnight, and all had presented the correct documentation, the MPA said.

In Hong Kong, everything was normal, with no delays or other

problems, said Choi Kim-lue, Hong Kong port chairman of the Cargo-Vessel Traders' Association.

Port facilities, owners of ships larger than 500 tons and the companies that unload them must make detailed plans to prepare for terrorist threats under the U.N. International Maritime Organization, or IMO, code.

Ships must have a security officer, alarm system, automatic identification system and a method of checking IDs of people who board. They must also restrict access to the engine room and bridge.

Vessels could be turned away at port if they don't have a certificate signed by their flag nation that states their compliance with the treaty.

The rules were drafted after the Sept. 11, 2001, al-Qaida attacks in the United States. Osama bin Laden's network is also blamed for the 2000 attack on the USS Cole that killed 17 American servicemen, and the bombing of the French tanker Limburg, which killed one person and spilled 90,000 barrels of oil off the Yemeni coast.

Powell: North Korea must make first move

JAKARTA, Indonesia — U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell said Thursday that North Korea would be wasting its time if it holds out for economic benefits from the United States before showing serious intent to dismantle its nuclear weapons program.

"As we follow the principle of work for word and deed for deed, we have to see deeds before we are prepared to put something on the table," Powell told a news conference.

Powell is here for the annual summer round of meetings of Pacific rim foreign ministers. North Korean Foreign Minister Paek Nam Sun is here but Powell said no meeting had been arranged as yet. Powell leaves for home late Friday night.

Powell, who was joined by more than 15 diplomatic colleagues at the news conference, added that if North Korea commits itself quickly to disarmament, progress on a comprehensive deal could be swift.

"We don't think that what's been asked for will be very difficult to achieve," he said.

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## AAFES gas ad deceiving

I heard a deceiving ad on AFN radio driving to work.  
It was from Army and Air Force Exchange Service telling customers that it was not changing gas pump prices until after the Fourth of July weekend to give customers a price break over the holiday.  
With pump prices going down for four weeks in a row in the United States, AAFES pump prices should also be going down. If not, then AAFES is cheating its customers and violating its stated pricing policy.

If prices go down as they should in July, in reality, what is happening is AAFES is getting an additional week of higher pump prices and again gouging its customers on gas prices.

The argument that AAFES gives some of its profits to the Morale, Welfare and Recreation fund is not valid. It is like the bank robber donating his stolen money to charity.

Barry L. Borgiet

Kaiserslautern, Germany

## Who do murderers respect?

In response to "U.S. attitude needs to change" (June 21): I do not remember reading any letters from Americans who said that what happened at Abu Ghraib [prison] was justified.

I do remember reading numerous letters condemning those acts as un-American. In fact, I don't ever recall having read or heard of any Americans condoning those abuses. Our linguist friend should remember that the difference between us and them is that those men are on trial for their abuses.

When will the murderous acts of the terrorists who behaved like Ned Buntick and Kim Sun-il ever receive their trial?

The writer may be quick to charge the United States as having little respect for culture and religion, but that's just a smoke screen.

Let's take a look at the Army's "little respect for culture and religion."

American soldiers cannot drink alcohol in country. American soldiers cannot openly display religious crosses, crucifixes or any other religious ornamentation publicly. American soldiers cannot eat pork or pork products in country.

The writer challenges Christianity as if the guards were acting in the name of Christianity, which they were not. They were acting by themselves for themselves and will be tried and punished accordingly.

So's challenge Islam then. Every terrorist so far has claimed to act in the name of Islam. Does Islam claim to justify the murders of two innocent men who were trying to help the Iraqi people?

That's the real smoke screen. Terrorists have hijacked Islam, just as Arab or Muslim has tried to claim it back. In that sense, the real hypocrites lie in the Arab and Muslim people. People like the writer want to

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blame America, Christianity and Judaism for their own failures.

There is no excuse for what those guards did. No American ever said what they did was right, Christian or even American. Talking with my fellow soldiers, we all agree it is unacceptable, un-American and just plain wrong.

If the letter writer really was ashamed for working with Americans, he would resign immediately and not wait for the outcomes of the trials. Hypocrites indeed.

Capt. Son Lam

Camp Zama, Japan

## More soccer news wanted

The Stars and Stripes' lack of any coverage of the Euro 2004 Soccer Championships is inexcusable.

This newspaper is supposed to be serving the U.S. armed forces in the European theater of operations, but does not cover the biggest sporting event going on in the world, much less on European soil.

There are many teams who love soccer. We play on local club teams, foster relations with the host country, and try to follow the latest news of top teams across the world.

The total lack of any significant coverage other than a few lines about the U.S. national team defeating Grenada in a qualifying match is very frustrating when I open the daily newspaper to find two to three pages devoted to the NBA draft.

I say, why not print a page with the spectacular results of recent games played between England and Portugal or France and Greece?

I have just returned from Germany in which I participated in the U.S. Army-Europe Soccer Championships, know there is an audience for the sport. I am currently in England getting ready to play in the Army-Air Force Europe Soccer Championships. I know the Air Force has fans of the sport, too.

The U.S. armed forces is made up of individuals from many backgrounds, ethnicity and a variety of countries. Basketball, baseball and football are not the only

sports in the world. Let's get some more coverage of the sport played by more countries in the world than any other sport—soccer.

Marko Hakama

Vicenza, Italy

## No more apologies, please

Please, oh, please—spare us "a series of columns on five topics" from the Stars and Stripes' ombudsman—the one I've characterized as the apologist for Stars and Stripes.

He has lately "discovered" whether Stars and Stripes stories "cover all bases." As you might expect, he discovers that Stars and Stripes does "cover all bases."

Not that I disagree with him. I just figure he doesn't know what he's talking about.

He didn't do any "discovering" at any bases, by being where the readers are, or by being where the action is, nor by being in any of Stars and Stripes' offices with any of Stars and Stripes' staff.

He does his "discovering" at a distance—like maybe Columbus "discovering" America on a map, not by ship—"discovering" stuff over the Internet, which as we all know is not necessarily the "real stuff." You can find anything you want to know on the Internet and ignore (or not search for) anything you don't want to know.

So please, just spare us, OK? There's lots I'd rather see in Stars and Stripes, such as your regular correspondents, news service extracts, Travel magazine, advertisements, comics and so forth. Anything but more "apologies."

Robert D. Doleman

Landslut, Germany

## Payment system pitfalls

Just recently the 104th Army Support Group contracting office switched to a new system of payment to sports officials. They now use Government Convenience Checks instead of blank purchase agreements.

The system was created to simplify and expedite payment to all certified sports officials; however, the person who created this system did not research the negative pitfalls concerning the IRS and a timely method of payment.

I was asked by a parent in Baumholder, Germany, why it is difficult to schedule officials for youth games. I simply told them that when, after one month, I am contacted by the IRS concerning taxes for checks I haven't received yet, it is not worth the trouble.

The scary part is, this is not an isolated incident; several sports officials have decided not to officiate in the 104th ASG because of similar problems. Every other ASG in Europe uses the old system with no tax or IRS trouble.

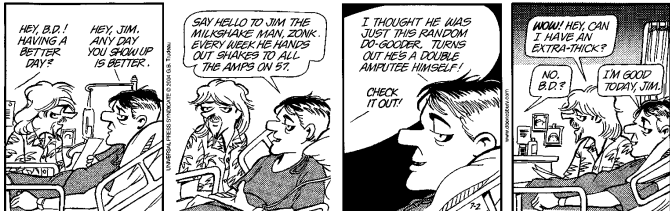
The bottom line is this: A mass exodus of sports officials is on the horizon unless this problem is solved.

Kevin Taylor

Baumholder, Germany

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

## Doonesbury



## OPINION

## It takes a book tour to keep Clinton focused

**H**umorist Will Rogers once said about Republican Calvin Coolidge: "He was the best Democrat we ever had in the White House. He didn't do anything and that's exactly what we wanted."

Dan Thomasson



Certifying the accuracy of the surveys are the hundreds of thousands of Americans who have rushed to buy his ponderous life story, apparently in some part to revel in the spiciness of confessed peccadilloes. It is a public that never seems to tire of Monica Lewinsky and Jennifer Flowers and Paula Jones and cigars and soiled dresses.

It is extremely doubtful that the former president's hastily written memoirs — for which he received a \$10 million advance — would attract such enthusiasm based on his record. Other than the fact he was a beneficiary of an economy inflated beyond reason by the Gold Rush psychology of the brand-new Internet, there isn't a vibrant

record of achievement for one considered so bright.

His major domestic initiative, the revamping of the nation's health-care system, was a failure. After initially opposing it, he did sign a Republican welfare-reform bill for which he now claims credit.

He did win the North American Free Trade Agreement, but once again only with the support of the opposition party. And he managed to eliminate the deficit by doing nothing to interfere with the mountain of new revenues generated by the over-reaching "new economy" that lasted just long enough for him to end his watch.

On the foreign front, he failed to eliminate Osama bin Laden, although he tried. He didn't make any of the reforms in the national intelligence apparatus that might have helped avoid Sept. 11. He despised terrorism as a threat, but didn't overemphasize it. He failed to win any kind of meaningful accord between Israel and Palestine. He did have a massed of success in the Balkans.

Some of his lethargy can be attributed to the fact much of his time and energy the last two years of office were spent preoccupied with a troubled marriage; the disgrace of impeachment because of indiscreet activities with a White House intern and lies told about the affair under oath in a civil suit and to the public, and in defending himself in a Senate trial — only the second in the history of America. And if this was to the detriment of his official duties.



What is the answer to the Clinton mystique? One would hate to believe that it is simply his charm or a campaign technique that is indeed infectious. But that seems to be a major factor.

Conversely, those who don't like Clinton really seem to hate him, and the animosity he engenders in them may be his contribution to the deep political divisions that have overtaken the electorate. The feeling toward the current president by his opponents is much the same. Those who revile George W.

Bush seem to take their dislike to the utmost extreme. There is no middle ground, and chances are good the 50-50 split in this country will once again produce a narrow referendum not on who is the best candidate, but on Bush's performance.

In the meantime, Clinton will go on selling his 900-plus pages of self-indulgence. He was the perfect president who really did what the country wanted — not much.

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## Iraq's security needs still beyond its troops' reach

BY MICHAEL O'HANLON

**H**ow do we succeed militarily in Iraq? Given the nature of counterinsurgency, this question is inseparable from succeeding in broader political and economic terms as well.

That said, there are aspects to the challenge that can be expressed and discussed largely from a military perspective. In addition, some basic facts figures pertaining to the security situation merit emphasis.

The starting point for this discussion must be that, despite a recent wave of greater optimism from the Bush administration and some conservative commentators, the security situation in Iraq is poor.

It is not just difficult; it is not just slow to improve, compared with what our initial hopes or expectations might have been. It is simply not promising, because we see no convincing signs of having turned the corner toward level of the insurgency.

Strategic failure in Iraq may not be an option, as many are wont to say, but alas it is increasingly a possibility, and the principal reason is our inability, so far, to win the counterinsurgency.

The reasons are not hard to guess. While arresting and killing lots of enemy forces, we have detained or killed many innocent Iraqis — a far smaller number, to be sure, but still probably a significant number. That is just one aspect of a broader reality — that we are failing to win many Iraqi hearts and minds. This fact is unfair, to be sure, given the valiant and professional efforts of the overwhelming majority of American troops in Iraq. But it is a fact.

The latest polling about the American presence in Iraq, conducted just before Fallujah and the Abu Ghraib scandal, revealed that Iraqis were still grateful that Saddam Hussein was gone, were still fearful of what

would happen once coalition forces left Iraq — but showed distrust of Americans running at more than 80 percent.

It is very difficult to prevail in counterinsurgency when a population so mistrusts the occupying power, because it will probably provide ample recruits to sustain a resistance movement and will be unlikely to provide the kinds and quantities of intelligence needed to find insurgents and capture or kill them.

In addition, two more discouraging points need to be underscored.

First, crime rates remain very high — probably several times what they were in Iraq under Saddam. Normal Iraqis do not find the streets safe. The Pentagon has been reluctant to acknowledge this state of affairs, but virtually all non-official visitors to Iraq emphasize it, and most available statistics reinforce the point.

Second, new Iraqi security institutions are being created extremely slowly. After a year's effort, only about 10 percent of

planned army and police forces have been properly trained. It is hard to understand why this should be the case.

What to do? Many of the standard prescriptions are surely right, including:

- transferring sovereignty to defuse anti-Americanism;
- getting the \$18 billion from 2003's supplemental appropriation flowing to Iraq faster to improve the quality of life and raise employment levels;
- accelerating training of security forces; and
- bringing some former Iraqi security forces and even some militias into the new security institutions so that we can reduce the American face on security activities.

There are two final points to add. First, we need to have Iraqi security forces trained within a year.

If this means devoting 10 percent of the police academies and military basic training facilities in NATO and Arab countries to the job, so be it. We must view Iraq as a

genuine strategic crisis, not just a problem that can be solved with a little more patience and a few more resources, as recent Bush administration statements seem to suggest.

Second, in line with the latest U.N. resolution, and as former deputy national security adviser James Steinberg and I proposed in May, the United States should announce that the military mission will end once a new Iraqi constitution is adopted at the end of next year.

The goal here, as with the transfer of sovereignty, is to empower Iraqis — symbolically and practically — and to counter Iraqi anti-Americanism. We should be willing to stay thereafter; in fact, we should want to stay. But the U.S. presence should be under new auspices, in a new mission, with smaller foreign forces and more Iraqi responsibility. Above all, a sovereign Iraq should explicitly request the new mission rather than have it continue by default.

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## Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



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## Dress code relaxed

**KY** LOUISVILLE — Patrons of Louisville's new downtown entertainment district will be allowed to wear sports jerseys under a compromise reached Tuesday between the developer and protesters.

About a dozen people gathered Monday at the entrance of Fourth Street Live to protest a dress code that prohibited jerseys, sleeveless shirts and backward baseball caps on nights when the row of shops, bars and restaurants is blocked off for special events.

A black leader and the ACLU meet with Cordish Co., which manages the project, to complain that the ban discriminates against blacks and poor people.

On Tuesday, Cordish agreed to ease the ban but said the dress code will still prohibit sleeveless shirts and baseball hats worn backward.

## Boy, 6, wins dino auction

**NY** NEW YORK — Little did a triceratops dinosaur imagine as he roamed what is now Montana more than 60 million years ago that his horn would end up on Park Avenue, fetching \$550 at auction.

The horn, one of hundreds of parts of prehistoric creatures being sold last week, could be as old as "100 million thousand billion centuries!" said 6-year-old Eamon Rush, after his \$550 bid won him the remnant.

Eamon showed up on Park Avenue in a bright tie-dyed top, so when he shot up with his paddle to signal his bid, everyone noticed. And the adults held back higher bids so the 6-year-old could win.

His mother was more interested in how to pay for the horn her son took home this week — \$550 plus an 18 percent auction house commission.

"We found a quick solution: 'We're going to have a major garage sale,'" she said.

## Truck beauty contest

**NE** GRAND ISLAND — More than 100 truckers gussied up their rigs and prepared for a beauty contest like no other.

They shined, buffed and waxed their trucks last week at the Bosselman Travel Center to prepare for this year's Shell Rotella SuperRigs Truck Beauty Contest.

This is the first year Grand Island has hosted the annual event, which is touted as the "Oscars of truck shows."

Frankie Story, 54, spent hours beautifying his truck. He said its yellow color and shiny spinning rims attract attention.

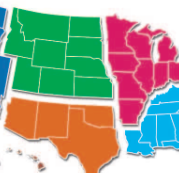
"Boy, people will run over you just to get a look at them on the highway," he said.

The event includes musical performances and a free steak dinner for participants. Twelve winning trucks will be photographed in the area for the Rotella SuperRigs Calendar.

## Bethel a college no more

**MN** ARDEN HILLS — Bethel College announced Monday that it would change its name to Bethel University, making it the first trend of dropping the title "college" for the more prestigious "university."

There is no official criteria for



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using one name or other.

Bethel's governing board approved the new name Bethel University 18 months ago, and representatives of the college's affiliated church had the final say on Monday.

## Car crashes into hospital

**CA** WALNUT CREEK — A man was committed to John Muir Medical Center for psychological evaluation after crashing his car 120 feet into the lobby of the hospital over the weekend, police said.

Hospital employees called police to report that a man was driving erratically in the parking lot of the hospital. As police arrived minutes later, Daniel Raiser, 41, rammed his 2001 Nissan pickup truck through the front doors of the lobby, said Lt. Craig Zamolo.

No one was in the lobby at the time, but the impact destroyed the information desk inside the building, he said.

## Ill-gotten boat seized

**PA** PITTSBURGH — Two pharmacists and business partners targeted in a federal investigation of a scheme to sell painkillers on the Internet without prescriptions are likely to lose a fancy boat they bought together two months ago.

Federal prosecutors have seized a 2003 Sea Ray Sundancer bought by Anthony Grejda and Charles McArdle and plan eventually to auction it as the proceeds of illegal



## Now that's a fish

**Bobby Carl Jr., 14, of Stafford Township, N.J., holds the 52.8-pound striped bass that he caught while in his kayak last week off Surf City, N.J.**

drug selling.

In forfeiture papers filed in U.S. District Court, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration says Grejda and McArdle laundered drug money when they paid \$160,000 for the boat in April.

## Snake hitches a ride

**WI** MADISON — A motorist found a slithery surprise not covered in his rental car agreement when a ball python stuck its head out from between his legs.

"He was completely in shock," said Officer Laura Walker. "I mean, he said he was lucky he didn't crash the car."

When Walker and animal control officer Tim Frank arrived to help Sunday, the 2½-foot constrictor snake was coiled around the seat's base, Walker said.

With some effort, Frank removed the black and gold snake and took it to the Dane County Humane Society.

The man had rented the car the night before and had driven it to Milwaukee and back and around Madison on Sunday, Walker said.

The snake was slightly dehydrated and was probably there for at least a week, Frank said.

The snake was tame and likely hand-reared, Frank said, adding that ball snakes are very common pets.

## Damages in clinic mix-up

**NC** WILMINGTON — A jury awarded \$435,000 to a woman who was accidentally inseminated with unprepared sperm at a fertility clinic.

In August 2002, Kelly Chambliss became violently ill just after a nurse practitioner inseminated her with the contents of an unlabeled syringe at the Coastal Area Health Education Center.

Two days later, Chambliss said clinic officials told her that she had been injected with "unwashed" sperm, which was left over from another client's procedure two days before and had proteins that had caused her uterus to contract. Chambliss was also told she could have been exposed to diseases such as AIDS or hepatitis and wouldn't know for sure for about six months. She did not contract any diseases.

A judge on Feb. 5 found the nurse practitioner and clinic guilty of medical malpractice.

## Ad needles Seattle

**WA** SEATTLE — An advertisement for an onion ring snack is making the folks who protect the Space Needle cry.

The Space Needle Corp. filed suit in federal court against McCain Snack Foods after the food firm ran an advertisement in Restaurants and Institutions magazine featuring a giant onion ring atop the famous icon.

The ad was to promote the company's Moore's onion rings brand. The text of the ad read: "With innovative new products like Cracked Black Pepper Battered Onion Rings and Ranch Breaded Onion Rings, Moore's boldly takes your menu to new taste frontiers."

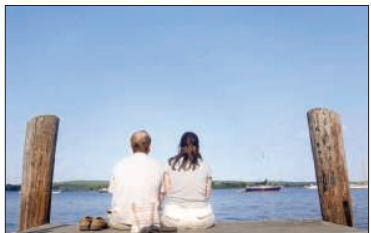
Last week, the Space Needle filed a trademark infringement lawsuit in U.S. District Court against McCain.

"We take our image very seriously," said Space Needle spokeswoman Mary Bacarella.



## Big hair day

Niqueve Laverne displays a hair style by stylist Lisa B. of Turning Heads salon in San Leandro, Calif., on Sunday, in Miami. Laverne was a participant in "Hair Wars," a traveling show featuring local and out-of-town hair designers who create fantasy hair-dos.



## Taking in the view

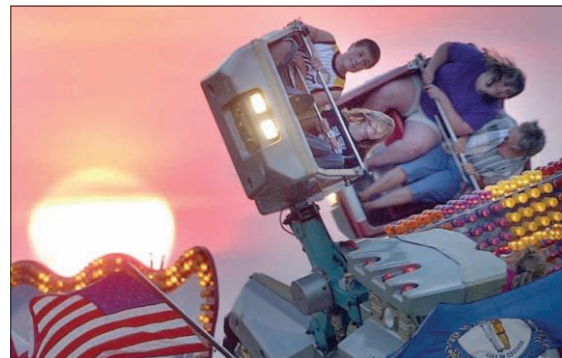
Alex, left, and Susan Cohen, visiting from Long Island, N.Y., take in the view along the Connecticut River on Sunday in Essex, Conn.



## Take a little off the side

Prissy the shitzu, gets a haircut from Animal Aid employee Megan Scott, on Tuesday in Tallahassee, Fla. According to an Animal Aid official, the high temperatures of summer are creating a greater number of owner requests to shear their dogs, especially the long-haired ones, so they will stay cooler.





## Whirling into dusk

The sun sets Monday as Garrard County fair-goers enjoy a ride in Bryansville, Ky.



## She loves chickens

Carole Morison, advocate for chicken farmers and poultry plant workers, walks through one of her chicken houses earlier this month at her Pocomoke City, Md., home. Morison has been awarded a Robert Wood Johnson Community Health Leadership Program award, the nation's highest honor for community health leadership.



## B...L...I...N...D

The Famous Chicken checks an umpire's eyesight as the San Angelo Colts play the Shreveport Sports in Shreveport, La., on Tuesday. Ted Giannoulas, the man in the chicken suit, has traveled all over the world performing for the past 30 years.



## Rounding an old curve

Visitors watch the passing of a Conrail train around the Horseshoe Curve recently in Altoona, Pa. The Horseshoe Curve, the world's busiest mountain rail passage which enabled easy transport of freight over the Allegheny Mountains, celebrates its 150th anniversary this year.

## Social worker shooting

**NH** NASHUA — A man accused of killing a social worker in 1999 is trying again to represent himself in court.

Daniel Ayer, 39, is on trial for a second time in the shooting death of Mark Rowland. His earlier conviction was overturned because he wasn't allowed to represent himself.

On Thursday, Ayer again said he wanted to handle his own defense, despite having two lawyers assigned to the case. He asked the court to declare a mistrial and described the judge's handling of the case as "a type of communism."

## Defendant plots to kill

**ID** GRANGEVILLE — A man in jail for selling sham medicinal water has been indicted on charges he tried to have a federal judge, a prosecutor and a tax agent killed.

David Hinkson, 47, was also accused of threatening to kill the children of both the prosecutor and federal agent as each watched.

The businessman is in jail, awaiting sentencing July 29 for tax evasion and selling misbranded drugs. He was convicted May 5 in a case involving his company WaterOz, which claimed its mineral water contained gold and silver and had medicinal properties.

## Guilty plea entered

**CT** HARTFORD — One of eight friends accused in the 1997 abduction, rape and murder of a 13-year-old girl pleaded no contest Tuesday to four charges, including felony murder.

As part of a plea agreement, 23-year-old Jeffrey Boyette Jr. is expected to be sentenced to 25 years in prison on Sept. 10. He also pleaded no contest to kidnapping, first-degree sexual assault and risk of injury to a minor.

Measles, of New Milford, was kidnapped outside a grocery store and driven to the edge of a river, where she was raped and killed, authorities said.

Boyette, now of Killeen, Texas, is the third of the friends to be convicted in the case.

## Camping for nude teens

**VA** RICHMOND — A lawsuit filed Tuesday challenges a new state law that effectively bans nude summer camps for teenagers, saying it violates the constitutional right to privacy.

The American Civil Liberties Union sued in federal court to keep the state from shutting down a no-clothing camp for juveniles in late July at the White Tail Park nudist camp in Ivor.

The law was passed in March in response to a weekend residential camp for 11- to 18-year-olds last June at White Tail.

It was the first in Virginia and only the third such an natural camp for juveniles in the nation, according to the American Association of Nude Recreation.

## Grazing lawsuit filed

**MT** BUTTE — Three environmental groups sued Tuesday to stop a U.S. Forest Service livestock grazing plan in southwest Montana, west of Yellowstone Na-

tional Park.

The lawsuit was filed in U.S. District Court at Missoula by The Native Ecosystems Council, The Alliance for the Wild Rockies and The Ecology Center.

It refers to the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest's plan to manage about 48,000 acres in the Antelope Basin and Elk Lake area, north of the Redlocks Lake National Wildlife refuge. The groups contend the plan is skewed toward livestock at the expense of sage grouse and other wildlife dependent on sagebrush habitats.

Forest Service officials said 41 percent of the area won't be grazed by livestock during any given year under the new management plan, already in force. About 9,000 acres are rested each year under a rest-rotation grazing system, and another 5,500 acres have been set aside to protect lands around lakes and sensitive streams.

## Death row is hot, dirty

**MS** JACKSON — A federal appeals court ruled that conditions on Mississippi's death row are so bad that they amount to cruel and unusual punishment, with inmates stuck in filthy, hot cells and given inadequate mental health care.

A three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Monday ordered the state Department of Corrections to make changes including repairing toilets, adding screen windows and fans and improving mental health care.

The court also directed the state to house inmates with severe mental illnesses separately from others.

The panel had argued that no inmate had suffered an illness or physical harm as a result of conditions cited in a lawsuit.

But the appeals panel upheld an earlier ruling by U.S. Magistrate Jerry Davis in favor of death row inmate Willie Russell and other prisoners who sued over the conditions at the state penitentiary at Parchman.

## More buses wanted

**NH** CONCORD — The Department of Transportation wants to increase the number of bus runs to Boston to help reduce traffic during the planned widening of Interstate 93.

As part of the \$420 million project to add lanes between Manchester and Salem, the state will spend about \$10 million to buy 10 buses and hire a private company to run them.

The arrangement will help bus companies turn a profit because although they have no trouble filling the buses in the morning and evenings, the buses sit idle in Boston most of the day.

## Fewer young smokers

**AK** ANCHORAGE — Fewer youths are taking up cigarettes, but just about as many adults as ever are continuing the habit, according to a state report.

The percentage of high school students who have taken a puff dropped from 72 percent in 1995 to 56 percent in 2003. The rate for adults has remained about 27 percent for more than a decade.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press



## EUROPEAN FORECAST

**Benelex:** Mostly cloudy with rainshowers and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the mid to upper 60s and lows in the lower to mid 50s.

**Britain, Ireland:** Mostly cloudy with rainshowers and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the mid to upper 60s and lows in the lower to mid 50s.

**Croatia and Bosnia:** Mostly cloudy with isolated afternoon thunderstorms in Bosnia and morning rainshowers in Croatia tomorrow. Highs in the upper 70s to mid 80s and lows in the upper 50s.

**France:** Mostly cloudy with rainshowers becoming partly cloudy tomorrow morning in the north and sunny in the south. Highs in the lower 70s to upper 80s and lows in the mid 50s to mid 60s.

**Northern Germany:** Mostly cloudy with rainshowers and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the lower to mid 50s.

**Southern Germany:** Mostly cloudy with rainshowers and isolated afternoon thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s to mid 70s and lows in the lower to mid 50s.

**Hungary:** Mostly cloudy with highs in the mid 70s and lows in the mid 50s.

**Northern Italy:** Mostly cloudy with isolated afternoon thunderstorms and rainshowers. Highs in the upper 70s to lower 80s and lows in the lower 50s.

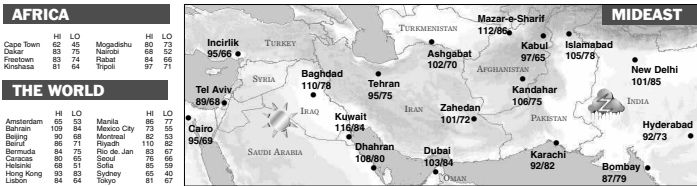
**Southern Italy:** Sunny with highs in the mid 80s to lower 90s and lows in the mid 60s.

**Kosovo:** Sunny becoming partly cloudy in the morning. Highs in the upper 70s to lower 80s and lows in the mid 50s.

**Norway:** Cloudy with rainshowers with highs in the lower 60s and lows in the upper 40s.

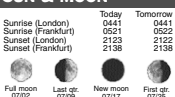
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**Turkey:** Sunny with highs in the mid 80s to mid 90s and lows in the mid 60s to lower 70s.



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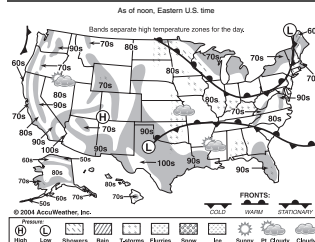


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# FACES 'N' PLACES

## Spears: Marrying for love

This time, she's marrying for love. **Britney Spears** said of her recent engagement to dancer **Kevin Federline**.

"Marrying Kevin was the last thing I was thinking about doing," Spears tells *People* magazine in its July 12 issue. "But then I said, 'You know what? This is my life and I don't care what people think. I'm going to get married. I'm in love with him.'"

Spears, 22, and Federline, 26, began dating a few months ago, after her Las Vegas wedding to childhood friend **Jason Alexander** in January. That marriage was annulled 55 hours later.

"Of the quickie Vegas ceremony, 'That thing was a total uhg,' she says. 'I was not in love at all.'"

Federline popped the question on an airplane while flying with Spears from Ireland to New York after the European leg of her tour.

"I kissed a bunch of frogs and finally found my prince," says Spears. "I feel like I've found my happily ever after."

## Injured Bowie bows out

A pain in the shoulder, which stopped **David Bowie** halfway through his concert in **Prague**, has now forced the singer to cancel the rest of his European tour, he announced Wednesday.

"Due to the continuing pain and extreme discomfort from a trapped/pinched nerve in his shoulder and to prevent possible further injury, David Bowie has been advised by his doctors to cancel his performances at the 11 remaining European dates throughout July," said an announcement on his Web site, [www.davidbowie.com](http://www.davidbowie.com).

The singer had already canceled two dates in Austria, in Vienna and Salzburg. The latest announcement also included dates in France, Belgium, Ireland, Spain, Switzerland and Scotland.

## Teen star's dad arrested again

Teen movie star **Lindsay Lohan's** father has been arrested on a charge of theft of services after allegedly skipping out on a \$30,000 bill for several suites at a posh **Long Island** hotel and catering facility.

**Michael Lohan**, 42, was arrested Tuesday at Nassau County Court in **Mineola**, where he was to appear for a conference on unrelated charges, said **Suffolk County Police Lt. Kenneth Fasano**.

Lohan was arrested shortly before he was to appear before a Nassau County judge to face charges that he struck his brother-in-law at a first communion party at the family's

Merrick home on May 23.

He also faces prosecution in Manhattan, where he was arraigned this month on assault and other charges for allegedly swearing at a sanitation worker whose truck was blocking his car, then punching him in the face.

## Kidman finds kids and dating don't mix

Being a single mother makes it difficult to find a mate—even when you're **Nicole Kidman**.

"I'm hoping to meet someone and be happy with them. But that's not as easy as it sounds. I'm a 37-year-old woman with two children. Men aren't beating the path to my door," she said in an interview published Wednesday in the latest issue of *Now* magazine.

"I don't want to sound like a woman from a *Jeopardy!* club and I don't want to advertise. The children are my priority. I take them around with me—movies or baseball games or local sports events—and that's not so appealing for any new man on the scene, is it?" she said.

The Oscar-winning star of "The Hours" has been single since breaking up with rock star **Leony Kravitz** earlier this year.

She and ex-husband **Tom Cruise** share custody of their children, 11-year-old **Isabella** and 9-year-old **Connor**.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press



Lohan



Bowie



Kidman



Shawn Wayans

Marlon Wayans

# Dark secrets

## Wayans brothers go deep under cover to portray 'White Chicks' in latest flick

BY MIKE SZYMANSKI  
Zap2it.com

Keenen Ivory Wayans couldn't think of a more difficult role for his brothers. As they were sitting around one day, flipping through magazines, talking about their next project together, the guys who collaborated on "Scary Movie" and "In Living Color" saw an article about white socialite debutantes in the *Hamptons*.

Keenen decided to turn his black brothers into "White Chicks."

Shawn and Marlon Wayans both were up for the funny idea, but weren't aware at first that it would take up to six hours for them to have the makeup, hair pieces and body paint put on — and more than half that time to take it off again.

"We expected them to lose it at some point, but they never did," says makeup artist Keith VanderLaan. "It was as grueling taking it off, because they don't want to hurt the skin."

VanderLaan teamed up with Greg Cannom, who won an Oscar for makeup when he turned Robin Williams into a nanny for "Mrs. Doubtfire."

They faced the challenge of creating facial prosthetics for the two handsome African-American men with strong chiseled features.

"We couldn't use too much makeup because they became drag queens — we had to soften them," Cannom explains.

The story is about two FBI agents who try to foil a kidnapping plot by becoming socialites Tiffany and Brittany Wilson. They have to try to fool their friends, family and old boyfriends. The three brothers wrote the screenplay together while the two actors each lost 30 pounds to look more svelte for their new roles.

Producer Lee R. Mays, who worked with Keenen on "Lowdown Dirty Shame," says this hasn't been done before in the movies. He points to how Jack Lemmon and Tony Curtis looked like dowdy ladies in "Some Like It Hot" and a black man was turned into a white man for "True Identity," but insists, "I don't think anybody has taken two black men and tried to make them two young attractive blondes."

They had to cast two white women who looked like sisters but also had the same basic shape of their male counterparts. "It was the weirdest audition I've ever been on," says actress Maitland Ward, who plays Brittany.



AP photos

Brothers Marlon, Shawn, Damon and Keenen Ivory Wayans pose for photographs during arrivals for a screening of "White Chicks" in Los Angeles last month.

They measured the distance between her eyes and nose, her lips, chin and every feature of her face. Anne Dudek plays her sister.

The most difficult makeup challenge was to figure out a way to cover up all of Shawn and Marlon's dark skin. Cannom created a new base to cover the skin and then put Revlon Color Stay over that.

"What happens, when you use lighter makeup to paint over dark skin like that, is that it turns gray," Cannom says. "On top of that, we spattered on some tiny freckles and reddish dots to ... look more realistic."

When Marlon stood next to him with full makeup, wig and contact lenses in place, Cannom says he was shocked. "It really freaked me out because there was nothing of Marlon there. For a second, it unnerved me. I've never had that reaction before, so I knew it must be pretty good."

Producer Rick Alvarez recalls, "It was outrageous. They were talking like white girls, dancing like white girls, they literally became white girls in front of our eyes."

For Shawn, it got a bit too much. Some of the actresses on the set forgot that there were guys underneath all the makeup. He says, "We got into some of their private girl talk, and it was gross. Too much information."

"White Chicks" opens nationwide on Wednesday.



# Horoscope

Many folks take off work now to start the Fourth of July weekend early — the full moon makes such rearrangements seem irresistible. The full moon is in respectful Capricorn, which is as patriotic as it gets for this occasion! Plans that focus on honoring all that's right about the United States of America will be the most successful.

## TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

**(July 2).** You're more committed than ever to living fully and therefore will enjoy a colorful year featuring many new "characters" in your personal drama. This month shows you making money hand over fist. Single people meet the folk, finding a new world of social and romantic opportunity. Couples: Marriage is the question that is answered in August.

## ARIES (March 21-April 19).

You have an insatiable appetite for learning. You'll be surprised to discover that romance seems like a distraction, even a hindrance, to your quest. Paradoxically, this makes you all the sexier.

## TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

The stars will turbo-charge you, so it's likely you will go for an extra round of exercise, catch one more errand than you planned or handle a couple more meetings than were scheduled. Avoid formalities, and get right to the point.

## GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

You've chosen a colorful crowd, as usual. But what you'll learn about some of your friends will be most unusual and not at all what you expected. Enthusiastically support others for their differences as well as their similarities.

## CANCER (June 22-July 22).

Social energy is whirling. It only takes a smile to start a conversation. But when it comes to making plans for the future, casual as they may be, you must decide very carefully whom you want in your life on a regular basis.

## LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

Your intuitive channels are wide open. It's difficult to be around anyone with upsetting habits or a natural tendency

to push the emergency buttons. Face the truth about a relationship, and handle a less-than-optimum situation.

## VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

Rushing about is one way to get the job done but not the smart way.

Accomplishing goals with the fewest moves is the name of the game. Take precautions. Call to confirm appointments, bring the map, and allow for traffic.

## LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

You are wise and full of workable solutions. Invite people to your way of thinking. A sense of emotional well-being makes it easier for you to communicate your concepts in a simple, accessible way.

## SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

Optimism will conquer your fear of the unknown. Act for the good of all (or at least most). Although you feel a strong connection with a sweetie, it's not the time to ask for a commitment. Promises made now are easily broken.

## SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

You might be surprised at your own outrageousness! Something you want/need/covet is available, and you'll do just about anything to get it, including braving the traffic and crowds. Whew!

## CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

There's a mix of cosmic energies affecting you. The cast of characters is a regular circus — talented people expressing themselves in ways you never would have dreamed. Laughter, music and poetry fit your world.

## AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

There's some satisfaction when people around you point out how popular you are — it's almost embarrassing, but why should you be modest? Not only do you know everyone; you know the right people.

## PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

You thoroughly enjoy your own company! And why shouldn't you? The more time you spend getting to know yourself, your tendencies and your trends, the more attractive you become. Banish self-imposed limitations.

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## Joyce Jillson



## Calvin and Hobbes



## Jump Start



## Zits



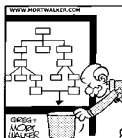
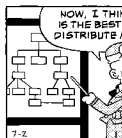
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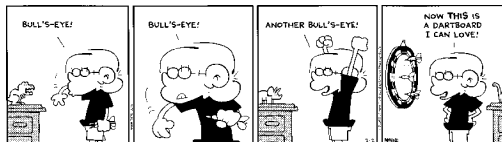


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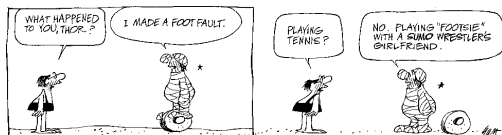




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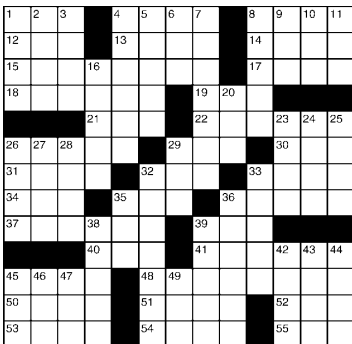
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## Eugene Sheffer Crossword



## Across

1 Word missing from four of this puzzle's answers

4 Unscorced

8 Gordius' baffle

12 Excessively

13 Hindu sacred text

14 Asta's mistress

15 Miscellaneous

17 Gossip-column subject

18 Strident standard

19 Vacationing

21 One of Pugsley's kin

22 Hubbub

26 Pair

29 Swindle

30 Golfer's concern

31 Take on cargo

32 Actress Gretchen

33 Demanding superstar

34 Blackbird

35 Westheimer

36 Swain

37 Baseball tactic

39 A billion years

40 "Little Tapaot"

41 Mollify

45 Trumpet

48 Routine

50 Big bothers

51 Duel tool

52 — chi

53 Apportion

54 "Phoey!"

## Down

1 Above

3 Nincom-poop

32 Threatened

5 CIA director

6 George

7 Throw into the mix

8 "Crocodile Dundee" prop

9 Negative word

10 Tramar

11 Lid for a lad

16 Variety, to life

20 Enjoyment

23 Advertiser's award

24 Split forcefully

25 Revolution period

26 Medicine

27 Hindu princess

28 Mine entrance

29 "Friends" cast member

32 Threatened

33 Blood bank VIP

35 Bottom line

36 Unemotional

38 Wash off

39 Fragrant compound

42 One of the Jackson 5

43 Get wind of contents

44 Tend texts

45 Scenery chews

46 It may be written to someone

47 "Poppycock!"

49 "—Lazy River"

## Answer to Previous Puzzle



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## CRYPTOQUIP

ER GYKKT ZKVK OQ  
TKVRQVN GQNK JYQVBX  
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KUI QU B HBB-KI UQOK.  
Yesterday's Cryptquip: I DON'T KNOW HOW TO MAKE ASPARAGUS, MAYBE SOMEBODY SHOULD GIVE ME SEVERAL TIPS.

Today's Cryptquip Clue: B equals A

# Don't get burned by fireworks

**Dear Abby:** With Independence Day approaching, I'm asking for your help in reminding your millions of readers about the danger of fireworks, especially to the eyes.

Each year during Fourth of July celebrations, thousands of adults and children are seriously injured as a result of fireworks and pyrotechnic devices. Many of the injuries affect eyesight, permanently damaging — and in some cases blinding the victims. In response, the American Optometric Association (AOA) urges people to refrain from using fireworks and to instead enjoy professional displays.

About two-thirds of fireworks-related injuries are burns. Most of the burns involve the hands, eyes, head and face. Almost half of the victims are under 15 years of age, and 75 percent of them are male. The most frequent cause of fireworks injuries requiring trips to the

emergency room is sparklers. This may come as a surprise, but bystanders are also not safe from injury.

Data from the U.S. Eye Injury Registry reveals that half of all fireworks injuries occur to bystanders.

So, on this Fourth of July, members of the AOA urge your readers to protect their eyes by avoiding fireworks and enjoying professional displays from a safe distance.

—Dr. Wesley Pittman,  
President, A.O.A.

## Dear Abby



Dear Dr. Pittman:  
Thank you for the timely reminder.

Although many people, young and old, regard fireworks as harmless fun, the facts show otherwise.

So, a word to the wise: Have a "blast" on the Fourth of July — but do it in a way that will protect yourselves and your families.

# Girlfriend cannot be trusted

**Dear Annie:** I am a 49-year-old married man with three children, and I had an affair with my 34-year-old office assistant. We both are now separated from our original partners, although we are not living with each other. "Cora" lives with her three children from her two previous relationships. We are still seeing each other.

## Annie's Mailbox



unfaithful. I now have grave misgivings about our relationship. We have had counseling, mainly because I have broken up with her a number of times and she has trouble handling this (crying jags, screaming).

—Fearful  
in Puerto Rico

Dear Fearful: It's time to listen to your brain instead of your libido. Cora cannot be trusted, and if she isn't cheating on you now, she probably will get around to it sooner or later. If counseling didn't help, the relationship is not likely to improve, although counseling may still be a good idea for you alone.

If reconciling with your wife is not an option, at least stop letting Cora manipulate you. It's not going to work. Move on.

**Dear Annie:** I'm a 19-year-old female, and I have been seeing a 27-year-old guy who is respectful and kind. We

**Dear Abby:** I am 17 and currently involved with a guy from school. The guy that I was with for a year and a half (my ex) wants to marry me. I still have feelings for him, but not like I used to.

I like my new boyfriend and don't really want to break up. When my ex and I broke up, it was only supposed to be "a little time apart." My ex showed signs that he was moving on, so I did the same. Now that he wants to get back together, I don't know what to do.

—Pulled in Two Directions

Dear Pulled: You are 17 years old and on the brink of a bright and exciting future. Why are you in such a hurry to make a permanent commitment? Since you have already "moved on," you should continue moving on. When the right man comes along, you won't need to ask anyone what to do — you'll know.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 6940, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at: <http://www.uxpress.com/dearabby>

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# JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

KEWOW

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Answer: HIS IN

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: PIKER CHAMP FICKLE SCENIC

Answer: What the director ended up with when he filmed the barnyard scene — A "CHICK FLICK"

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argiron

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

WHAT THE BUSY VIOLINIST WAS UP TO.

What the director ended up with when he filmed the barnyard scene — A "CHICK FLICK"

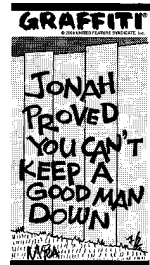
## Family Circus



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"I don't want the white crayon. It doesn't work."

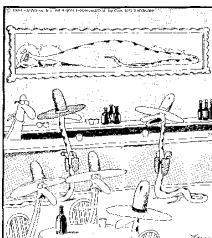


## Domis the Menace



"I'M THE ONE WHO SHOULD BE MAD! I WAS GONNA EAT THAT ICE CREAM CONE!"

## The Far Side



"Who are we kidding, Luke? We know this is going to be just another standoff."

## Non Sequitur



# France prepares for hot summer

By EMMANUEL  
GEORGES-PILOT  
The Associated Press

PARIS — Hospitals, retirement homes and the government are ready to combat a potential heat wave in case of a replay of soaring temperatures that left thousands dead last summer, the French health minister said Thursday.

"The system, today, is ready," Philippe Douste-Blazy told reporters after a Cabinet meeting on new measures to guard against another catastrophe.

Nearly 15,000 people — most of them elderly — died from heat-related causes after record temperatures struck much of France last summer. Officials cited unpreparedness in the health care system.

The conservative government came under intense criticism for failing to act fast enough to stem the death toll, blamed on a range of problems from lack of air conditioning and staffing shortages at retirement homes to summertime vacationing by doctors and nurses.

Douste-Blazy said the government had increased staffing at hospitals nationwide, hiring 754 people to work in geriatric wards and 745 people in emergency rooms.

About 80 percent of retirement homes in the country now have what the government calls "cool rooms" — a common room with an air conditioner, said Hubert Falco, minister for the elderly.

Temperature readings last August soared to record levels in

## Spain heat deaths up

MADRID, Spain — Two deaths in Spain on Thursday appeared to be related to a heat wave that has seen temperatures climb above 104 Fahrenheit in central and southern parts of the country. The fatalities bring the death toll in the heat wave to three.

In the southern city of Cordoba, a 72-year-old man died of heat stroke, said the health department in Andalusia, the region where the city is located.

In Madrid, a 69-year-old man with previous health problems stemming from obesity died of a "multisystemic dysfunction related to heat stroke," said Fernando Martin, the spokesman for the central region's health ministry.

The first death thought to be heat-related came Wednesday, when a 48-year-old man died in Cordoba. Real talk: an afternoon bicycle ride.

From The Associated Press

France, often topping 104 degrees Fahrenheit.

Critics have questioned the government's highly touted efforts to ward off heat-related deaths this summer. Hospitals and retirement homes said that funding — largely earmarked for cool rooms, fans, and air conditioning — was not always reaching the proper recipients and has been siphoned off by other needy health care services instead.

# Authorities question suspected child killer

The Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium — French and Belgian investigators questioned confessed child killer Michel Fourniret on Thursday ahead of a search of castle grounds in northern France where he is believed to have buried some victims.

"We would really like to start the search this afternoon," said Cedric Visart de Bocarme, investigating magistrate in the city of Namur. "But it's not that easy."

Investigators were studying evidence in an effort to narrow the search on the 32-acre grounds of a chateau in the Ardennes forest in northern France, Bocarme said.

They were also interrogating

Fourniret in the southern Belgian city of Dinant in the hope he would reveal more details about where he might have hid the bodies.

In a case that has horrified Belgium barely a week after the trial of child killer Marc Dutroux, Belgian magistrates announced Wednesday that Fourniret had admitted to six murders in France and Belgium.

Magistrates said the 62-year-old Frenchman, a former forest ranger, is also a suspect in at least three other murders during a rape and killing spree following his release from prison in 1987.

The state prosecutor in the western French city of Nantes said he had reopened an investigation into the 1990 murder of 12-year-old Natacha Danon following revelations in the Fourniret case.

On Wednesday, Visart de Bocarme said Fourniret had told investigators that he kidnapped, raped and murdered 12-year-old Elisabeth Brichet in Namur in 1989. He said Fourniret also confessed to five other murders in France.



# War Is Tough on Families

Military life has enough challenges without worrying about how your loved ones will contact you... especially during times of conflict. I know, because I grew up in a military family and served as a Navy Admiral.

You can count on the American Red Cross to help you wherever you go. Whether you're at sea, or on an installation, we can help your loved ones back home get messages to you, or from you, in case of emergency. We can also help you through counseling and other needed assistance.

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For more information, or to learn how you can help, please contact your local Red Cross or visit [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org). Thank you.

*Marsha Evans*

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President and CEO, American Red Cross  
Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy (Ret.)



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# RACING STRIPES

A WEEKLY LOOK AT MOTORSPORTS

## The chase within the race

Starting with Pepsi 400, next 10 events all about position for Cup shootout

BY JENNA FRYER  
The Associated Press

**E**VEN FROM his perch atop the points standings, Jimmie Johnson hasn't wavered in his dislike for NASCAR's new championship system.

Johnson heads into the Pepsi 400 Saturday night at Daytona International Speedway with a 27-point lead over Dale Earnhardt Jr., an advantage that doesn't mean as much as it used to.

Under NASCAR's new formula, all drivers in the top 10 in the standings and anyone within 400-points of the leader will start over after the 26th race of the season. Those drivers must then compete in a 10-race shootout to crown the champion.

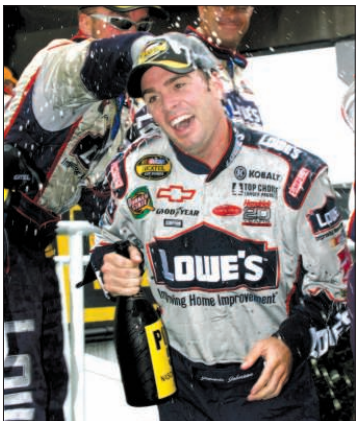
"I don't feel it really represents what a true champion needs to do in the course of a year," Johnson said. "Our sport is founded on long races and a long season. I think our point system should reflect that."

Johnson believes NASCAR created the new system to add a bit of drama to what had become hum-drum points races over the final stretch of the season.

"It has a lot of entertainment value, but when you're a competitor looking to find an advantage and working the sport year 'round, I don't think this point system really reflects what we have to do week in and week out," he said.

The push for the championship chase begins with the Pepsi 400, the first of the final 10 races before NASCAR sets the field for the "playoff."

Heading into Saturday night, at least a dozen drivers were in posi-



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**Nextel Cup points leader Jimmie Johnson is no fan of NASCAR's new system for crowning a Cup champion. "It has a lot of entertainment value, but when you're a competitor looking to find an advantage and working the sport year 'round, I don't think this point system really reflects what we have to do week in and week out," he said.**

tion to make the cut. Several others were on the fringe — reaching all the way back to 19th-place Sterling Marlin, who was 688 points back. A few good finishes could lift even Marlin into the 400-point range.

NASCAR chairman and CEO

Brian France thinks that's the beauty of the new system. Once the points reset for the final 10 races, drivers who normally would have zero chance at winning the championship are now contenders.

"You're seeing drivers that

were out of it in previous years that are not out of it today," France said. "So it's going to be what we all hoped for, a lot more excitement a lot more drama, a lot more fan bases energized as a result of the system. And frankly, the competition has heated up."

Johnson has been fairly consistent in his five previous Daytona starts — three top 10s, and his lowest finish was 18th in this race last year. But he knows everyone behind him is coming after him, and the high-speeds at Daytona's 2.5-mile superspeedway are sure to make things a little dicey.

"There is so much on the line to be in that 400-point cut, I would expect to see some crazy things happening," he said. "After this weekend, we'll all have a pretty good idea of how things will lay out and who's in contention and who needs to be desperate."

Earnhardt, who won this event in 2001 and captured the season-opening Daytona 500 this year, will not be one of the desperate drivers. He's been a firm fixture at or near the top of the standings all season, and that's not expected to change after Saturday night.

He's got nine victories in 27 starts at Daytona in various NASCAR series and has finished seventh or better in the past three Pepsi 400s.

Earnhardt, who has seemed to master the restrictor-plate races

at Daytona and Talladega, is ready to race for another win.

"Daytona rewards a good handling car," he said. "Look at how the 500 developed — it was more spread out than in the past because good handling cars were able to pull away from the pack. I think you'll see more of that this weekend."

Michael Waltrip, Earnhardt's teammate at Dale Earnhardt Inc., is expected to be among the top contenders. Waltrip has won three of the past seven races at Daytona and his team

has made its way into the Pepsi 400 on a roll — he posted five top-10 finishes in his last 10 races to climb from 30th to 18th in the standings.

But Waltrip knows how quickly things can go wrong at Daytona. He was in a frightening wreck in a season-opener, flipping his car at least three times and finishing 38th.

Don't count out Jeff Gordon, Johnson's teammate at Hendrick Motorsports who is coming off last weekend's dominating win on the road course in California.

But Gordon already scored a restrictor-plate win this year at Talladega, and he's never won two plate races in the same year.

Still, he thinks the Hendrick field should give the DEI cars some competition.

"We're making gains in our plate program," he said, "and hopefully we'll be challenging for the win at the end of the race."

**"You're seeing drivers that were out of it in previous years that are not out of it today."**

**Brian France**  
NASCAR chairman and CEO

### NASCAR NEXTEL CUP

#### Race 17: Pepsi 400, 1 a.m. Sunday CET, AFN-Pacific

**Last race:** Jeff Gordon overcame his bad luck the previous weekend and won the Dodge/Save Mart 350 at Sonoma, Calif., for his third victory of the season.

Gordon led 81 of the first 88 laps at

Michigan before leaving with engine failure.

**Last year:** Greg Biffle became the first rookie to win a Nextel Cup race at Daytona International Speedway with his victory in the Pepsi 400.

#### DRIVERS TO WATCH



**Michael Waltrip** has won twice in the past 10 races, including seven races at Daytona. He's also on a hot streak, moving from 30th to 18th in points with finished seventh in his last five races. He's in the top three in the past 10 races.



**Dale Earnhardt Jr.** has won six races in the past 10 races, including seven races at Daytona. He's also on a hot streak, moving from 30th to 18th in points with finished seventh in his last five races. He's in the top three in the past 10 races.



**Dale Jarrett** has won four times in the past 10 races, including seven races at Daytona. He's also on a hot streak, moving from 30th to 18th in points with finished seventh in his last five races. He's in the top three in the past 10 races.



**Qualifying record**  
Bill Elliott, 201.364 mph, 1987.  
**400-mile race record**  
Bobby Allison, 173.473 mph, July 4, 1988.  
**500-mile race record**  
Buddy Baker, 177.602 mph, February 17, 1988.

#### FAST FACTS

Michael Waltrip has six top-10 finishes in his last six races. Dale Earnhardt Jr. drove to an emotional victory in the 2001 race, where his father was killed. He also won the season-opening Daytona 500 on Feb. 15. — Only four drivers have swept both Daytona races the same season, none since Bobby Allison in 1982. — Richard Petty recorded his 200th career NASCAR victory in the 1964 event.

#### POINTS RACE

After 16 of 36 races

1. Jimmie Johnson 2,375
2. Dale Earnhardt Jr. 2,348
3. Matt Kenseth 2,143
4. Jeff Gordon 2,123
5. Elliott Sauter 2,067
6. Tony Stewart 2,043
7. Bobby Labonte 2,018
8. Kurt Busch 1,913
9. Ryan Newman 1,900
10. Kevin Harvick 1,974
11. Jamie McMurray 1,921
12. Casey Mears 1,828
13. Jeremy Mayfield 1,851
14. Dale Jarrett 1,803
15. Mark Martin 1,789
16. Rusty Wallace 1,753
17. Casey Mears 1,745
18. Michael Waltrip 1,693
19. Sterling Marlin 1,687
20. Brian Vickers 1,654

### BUSCH SERIES

This week: Wynn-Dale 250 at Daytona Beach, Fla. (Live: 1:30 a.m. Saturday, 12:30 p.m. Sunday)

**Last race:** Ron Hornaday Jr. rallied to lead down to the wire, winning the 250 at the Milwaukee Mile. Hornaday came from 14th to win. Dale Earnhardt Jr. came out while he was in the pits, but rebounded and took the lead for good with seven laps remaining.

**Last year:** Dale Earnhardt Jr. won his fourth straight Busch Series race, leading all 100 laps of the Winn-Dixie 250. **Fast facts:** Earnhardt Jr. won the season-opening Herhey's Kisses 300 at Daytona on Feb. 14. Kyle Busch and Martin Truex Jr. share the series lead for most top-five finishes (6) and most top-10 placings (12) this season.

#### INDY RACING

This week: Argent Mortgage Indy 300 at Kansas City, Mo. (Live: 6:30 p.m. Sunday, 12:30 p.m. Monday)  
**Last race:** Dan Wheldon took advantage of a late crash to take the lead and win the 300 at the Kansas City. Wheldon and Tomas Schechter, who qualified with the fastest times, were the final lap to win the accident-ridden SunTrust Indy Challenge at Richmond, Va.

**Last year:** Bryan Herta took the lead with five laps to go and held on to win the Kansas Indy 300. Wheldon won the first three-race winning streak since 1998.

### CRAFTSMAN TRUCK

This week: O'Reilly Auto Parts 250 at Kansas City, Mo. (Live: 12:30 p.m. Sunday)

**Last race:** Brad Keselowski became the series' first repeat winner of 2004 with his victory in the Black Cat Fireworks 250 at the Milwaukee Mile. **Last year:** Jim Wood started from the pole of the race but still carried his first career victory at the O'Reilly Auto Parts 250.

#### CHAMP CARS

This week: Grand Prix of Cleveland, Ohio (Live: 12:30 p.m. Sunday)  
**Last race:** Michael Schumacher won the series' first multiple winner this season at the Grand Prix of Cleveland on June 26. Bourdais led 45 laps in his first race but was overtaken by Bruno Junqueira.

**Last year:** Bruno Junqueira crossed the line with his car banded up from a late collision to win the Cleveland Grand Prix.

#### FORMULA ONE

This week: French Grand Prix at Magny-Cours (Live: 12:30 p.m. Sunday)  
**Last year:** Michael Schumacher won the U.S. Grand Prix in Indianapolis on June 20. **Last year:** Ralf Schumacher won the French Grand Prix for his second straight win. Michael Schumacher finished third.

# Sharapova, Williams rally to reach final

BY STEPHEN WILSON  
The Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — Serena Williams rallied from a set and 3-1 down — winning three key points with a cracked racket — to defeat Amelie Mauresmo and advance to the Wimbledon final for the third straight year.

Williams, trying to become the third woman in 35 years to win three consecutive titles, won 6-7 (4), 7-5, 6-4 in a topsy-turvy match full of drama, momentum swings, spectacular shots and animated displays of emotion by both players.

Williams will face 17-year-old Maria Sharapova in Saturday's final. Sharapova, who also came back from a set and 3-1 down, beat former champion Lindsay Davenport, 2-6, 7-6 (5), 6-1 to confirm her reputation as the biggest new star in the game.

It took nearly 2½ hours for Williams to overcome Mauresmo, who received treatment several times on her lower back but pushed the champion to the limit.

When the Frenchwoman hit a forehand wide on match point, Williams jumped high into the air with her arms extended. She curtsied and blew kisses to the Centre Court, which gave the players a standing ovation.

"This is definitely the most special moment in my career, right now," Williams said.

It's the first trip back to a Grand Slam final for Williams since she beat her sister Venus for last year's Wimbledon title.

She underwent surgery on her left knee last August and was sidelined for eight



Serena Williams punches the air as she wins a point against Amelie Mauresmo during the semifinals at Wimbledon. Williams will play Maria Sharapova in the final on Saturday.

months. "It was really tough out there today," Williams said. "I was more excited than anything because it's been a really tough year for me. I'm here and I really feel like I'm playing good again."

Playing in her first Grand Slam semifinal, Sharapova hit a stunning 46 winners —

20 more than Davenport — to overcome the 1999 champion 2-6, 7-6 (5), 6-1. She's the first Russian woman to reach the Wimbledon final since Olga Morozova in 1974.

"It's unbelievable," Sharapova said. "I'm in the final. It's absolutely crazy. It's my favorite Grand Slam. I never in the world expected to do so well here, so early. I'm

amazed."

When Sharapova ripped a forehand winner off a Davenport first serve to go up 4-1 in the third set, the match was all but over.

She held at love in the next game and then broke a demoralized Davenport to end the contest. After hitting a running backhand winner to set up match point, Sharapova stroked a deep return and Davenport pushed a forehand long.

Sharapova looked up at the sky, covered her mouth in amazement and waved and blew kisses to all corners of the Centre Court stadium. She's the youngest Wimbledon finalist since Martina Hingis, who won the title in 1997 at 16.

The 28-year-old Davenport, winner of three Grand Slam titles, said it was probably her last match at Wimbledon. She's considering retiring next year.

"I'd be surprised if I was back," she said.

The 1 hour, 53-minute match featured tremendous shotmaking by Sharapova, who hit 20 forehand winners from the baseline. She also managed to neutralize Davenport's big serve and, despite eight double-faults, served six aces of her own.

"She totally deserved it," Davenport said. "I had control of the match and she took it from me. When I started to have a chance here or there, she always came up with great shots."

The match turned Sharapova's way after a 52-minute rain delay in the second set, with Davenport leading 2-1. After Davenport held for 3-1, Sharapova won 12 of the next 16 points to go up 4-3. She never trailed again.

"From the rain delay at 2-1, from then on, she definitely stepped up her game and from that point on was more in control of the match than I was in control of the tempo of the rallies," Davenport said.

## No. 1 Federer, No. 2 Roddick on a collision course

BY STEPHEN WILSON  
The Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — Wimbledon is two matches away from the men's final everyone wants to see: Roger Federer vs. Andy Roddick.

Federer is the top-seeded defending champion with the classic all-court game; No. 2 Roddick is the U.S. Open champ with the brute power and fastest serve in tennis.

Federer epitomizes Swiss reserve, Roddick oozes American brashness.

They met in the Wimbledon semifinals last year, with Federer winning in straight sets. He went on to beat Mark Philippoussis for his first Grand Slam title.

This time, they reached the semis from opposite halves of the draw. On Friday, Federer will face Sebastian Grosjean — a third repeat semifinalist from last year — and Roddick will play 20-year-old Mario Ancic, a protégé of former Croatian champion Goran Ivanisevic.

Federer made the final four by beating 2002 winner Lleyton Hewitt in a compelling Centre Court match that ended just before dusk Wednesday night. Federer won 6-1, 6-7 (1), 6-4, 6-4 to extend his grass-court winning streak to 22 matches.

"He's a shot-maker out there,"



Top-seeded Roger Federer, left, and No. 2 Andy Roddick appear to be headed for a classic confrontation in the championship at Wimbledon.

Hewitt said. "He's going to be a tough player to beat on grass. I'd be very surprised if he doesn't win his third major on Sunday."

Federer lost his first set of the tournament against Hewitt. He also was broken for the first time in 105 service games at Wimbledon going back to last year's quarterfinals. But after the break put Hewitt up in the fourth set, Federer broke right back and proceeded to close out the match. He finished with 19 aces.

"He doesn't have a Roddick kind of serve with brute power," Hewitt said. "He serves to set up the point with his strengths. He's got great variety out there. That's what makes him such a great player."

Roddick, who hasn't lost a set in five matches, outslugged Sjeng Schalken 7-6 (4), 7-6 (9), 6-3. He served 18 aces and closed the match with a leaping overhead winner, though he mistimed his jump and landed off balance — not quite the graceful "slam-dunk" style popularized by Pete Sampras during his run to seven titles.

"I was too excited," Roddick said. "I'm looking just to finish it off. I got up way too early so I couldn't really take a full swing at it. It felt like the ball wasn't getting to me. I was thinking I was going to flag it into the back fence."

Unseeded Ancic beat No. 5 Tim Henman 7-6 (5), 6-4, 6-2, leaving the 29-year-old British player



AP photos

wondering if he's running out of time in his quest to become the first homegrown men's Wimbledon champion since Fred Perry in 1936.

"I've never hidden behind the fact that this is the tournament I'd love to win the most," Henman said. "The reality is that I don't have an endless number of years for chances."

Ancic is the last player to beat Federer at the All England Club — he did it in the first round in his Wimbledon debut in 2002.

Nicknamed "Super Mario," the 6-foot-5 Ancic is often compared with the 6-4 Ivanisevic, who retired last week after losing to Hewitt in the third round.

Roddick and Ancic played each other for the first time last month,

with Roddick winning 7-6 (3), 4-6, 6-4 on grass at Queen's Club.

"I don't know what's in the water in Croatia, but it seems like every player is over 7 feet tall," Roddick said. "He's playing great on grass right now. He's serving really big. He's definitely going to be tough."

Grosjean, who swept Florian Mayer 7-5, 6-4, 6-2 and has not dropped a set, has been in three previous Grand Slam semifinals but never reached a final. Grosjean has a 2-1 record against Federer, but they haven't met since 2001.

"He's a very tricky player to play against," Federer said. "He returns well, his first serve is very good and he moves well. This is a dangerous combination. He has a lot of weapons."

# Magic GM says team better off without McGrady

The Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Orlando General Manager John Weisbrod took some parting shots Wednesday at Tracy McGrady, implying McGrady wasn't capable of leading a winning team.

"It starts with how you define a superstar," Weisbrod said. "I think a superstar is defined by wins, by making the players around him better and by making the team better. On that part, my perception is a little different than most."

McGrady was sent to Houston for guards Steve Francis and Cuttino Mobley and forward Kelvin Cato on Tuesday. Orlando also parted with power forward Juan Howard and guards Tyrone Lue and Reece Gaines.

McGrady was an All-Star in each of his

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four years in Orlando, averaging 28.1 points, and quickly became the Magic's most popular player. But his behavior during last season's 61-loss season convinced Weisbrod that McGrady was part of the problem.

Francis said it was obvious the Magic lost heart last season after an early 19-game losing streak. It was during the slide that McGrady — selected as the team captain in the offseason — started the organization when he openly discussed quitting.

Weisbrod said that by the All-Star break, it was clear McGrady wanted out. When McGrady told team owner Rich DeVos two weeks ago that he wanted to be traded to a contender, that made it easier to trade him.

## Dampier opts out of contract

OAKLAND, Calif. — Golden State Warriors center Erick Dampier has opted out of his contract and become a free agent.

The 29-year-old Dampier is coming off the most productive season in his eight-year career. He averaged 12.3 points, 10.2 rebounds and 1.85 blocked shots in 32 1/2 minutes per game.

Dampier ranked fourth in the league in rebounding and seventh with 42 double-doubles. He has hired a new agent, Dan Fegan, in Los Angeles.

The Warriors also hired former Atlanta Hawks coach Terry Stotts as an assistant on Mike Montgomery's staff.

## Clippers make offer to Richardson

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles Clip-

pers made a qualifying offer to guard Quentin Richardson on Wednesday, enabling them to match any offer the restricted free agent might receive.

Richardson averaged 17.2 points, 6.4 rebounds and 2.1 assists — all career bests — in 65 games for the Clippers last season.

Richardson, 24, will be eligible to talk with any team during the first two weeks of July. The Clippers would have 15 days to match any contract offer he receives.

## Raptors hire Pete Babcock

TORONTO — The Toronto Raptors hired former Atlanta Hawks general manager Pete Babcock on Wednesday to be their director of NBA player personnel.

Babcock, the brother of new Raptors General Manager Burt Babcock, will focus on free agents and trades.

# NHL's free agency offering bumper crop

The Associated Press

Eric Lindros joined the free-agent market on Wednesday when the New York Rangers declined to pick up the \$10.25 million option in the oft-injured center's contract.

When the hockey shopping season opened Thursday, the 31-year-old Lindros was free to sign with any club. It is unlikely that Lindros will return to the Rangers, with whom he played the past three seasons after being traded by Philadelphia.

Clubs had until midnight EDT Wednesday to make qualifying offers to restricted free agents to keep their rights and prevent them from becoming unrestricted. Normally players need to be 31 before becoming unrestricted, but any not given qualifying offers are free to sign anywhere.

The Toronto Maple Leafs were busy on Wednesday, signing potential free agents Ed Belfour, Joe Nieuwendyk, Gary Roberts, and Aki Berg.

Belfour, Nieuwendyk and Roberts could have become unrestricted free agents and Berg would have been restricted.

"These guys are integral contributors to our club and I'm great to have them back for at least one more season," General Manager John Ferguson Jr. said.

The market is expected to be slow with teams trying to slash payrolls in anticipation of a new financial landscape in the NHL.

The league's collective bargaining agreement with the players as-

sociation expires Sept. 15, and a lockout that could threaten next season is a distinct possibility.

The NHL is seeking "cost certainty," which the union believes is a synonym for a salary cap — a solution the players association refuses to accept.

The sides have met a handful of times since October, but no progress has been made on the key issues. The NHL wants to cut the percentage of revenue that goes toward player salaries.

The unrestricted free-agent class could include Alex Zhamnov and Mark Recchi, who helped lead Philadelphia to the Eastern Conference finals; Paul Kariya and Teemu Selanne, who after disappointing seasons in Colorado are back on the market; Dominik Hasek, Brett Hull, Brendan Shanahan and Steve Yzerman of Detroit; Alex Kovalev of Montreal and Peter Bondra of Ottawa.

Los Angeles made deals with two veterans Wednesday night, longtime fan favorite Luc Robitaille — who is in his third stint with the Kings — and defenseman Stephane Veilleux, whose rights were acquired from Montreal last weekend.

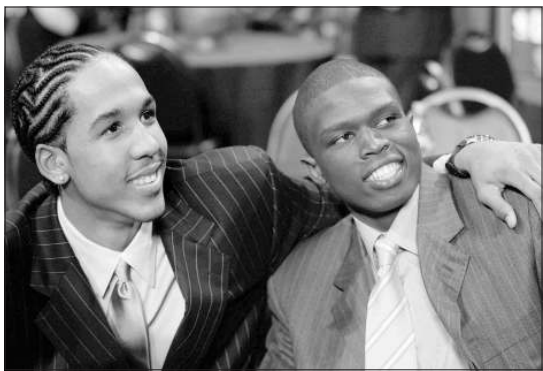
"We are pleased that Luc has re-signed with the Kings," General Manager Dave Taylor said. "He remains one of the most popular players ever to wear a Kings jersey." "We hope that he eventually retires in a Kings uniform."

The Kings cut ties with forwards Jason Allison, Adam Deadmarsh and Anson Carter by declining to make qualifying offers.

The St. Louis Blues lost \$9.5 million qualifying offer to defenseman Chris Pronger; New Jersey offered \$2.4 million to Jan Hrdina and Viktor Kozlov and \$3 million to Jeff Friesen.

Boston took care of captain Joe Thornton with a qualifying offer as well as rookie goalie Andrew Raycroft and veterans Sergei Gonchar and Sergei Samsonov.

Ottawa didn't pick up Bondra's \$4.5 million option for next season. He will be an unrestricted free agent, but the Senators haven't ruled out re-signing the forward, who was acquired from Washington late last season.



Shaun Livingston, left, and Luel Deng would have been teammates at Duke, but Deng left the school after his freshman year, and Livingston went straight from Central High School in Peoria, Ill., to the NBA.

# Defections leave Duke down, not out

BY AARON BEARD

The Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — When Duke's season ended with a loss in the NCAA tournament's Final Four, the Blue Devils thought they would return a deep, talented roster that could contend for a national championship in 2005.

Then freshman Luel Deng entered the NBA Draft. Star recruit Shaun Livingston followed without setting foot on campus as a student.

The defections have left coach Mike Krzyzewski with one of his leanest rosters in recent memory after it looked as if he'd have a team that could win its fourth title since he's been at Duke.

"I don't think I'll have too many problems talking about playing time," the Hall of Fame coach joked Tuesday. "If you're not getting playing time this year, you're bad."

Still, he sounded eager to find the strategy and playing rotations that will help the Blue Devils reach their accustomed level of success.

"I don't focus on what we had. I

focus on what we have," Krzyzewski said. "My focus is on the next play, and that focus has got to be positive and exciting because that's what those kids deserve."

"I think we'll still be good. I don't know how good."

Duke (31-6) reached the Final Four for the 10th time in 19 seasons this year, losing to eventual champion Connecticut. But the Blue Devils lost senior point guard Chris Duhon and Deng, the team's No. 2 scorer at 15.1 points per game — from that squad.

Then, Livingston, a 6-foot-7 point guard, entered the draft and was selected fourth by the Los Angeles Clippers.

Now, Duke heads into next season with just eight recruited players.

"I don't begrudge those kids because of the fact they're allowed to make decisions," Krzyzewski said of Deng and Livingston. "We're behind them. We tried to help them as much as we could."

The Blue Devils return key contributors in senior Daniel Ewing

and juniors J.J. Redick, Shelden Williams, Shaquille Randolph and Sean Dockery. But they have several question marks after that.

Duke will have to fill the void at point guard left by Duhon's departure and Livingston's decision to skip college. Dockery plays aggressive defense but is limited offensively. He averaged just three points a game while shooting just 41 percent, including 3-for-25 from behind the three-point arc.

Krzyzewski doesn't yet want to define roles for the team, saying that Ewing and incoming freshman DeMarcus Nelson could also shoulder some ballhandling duties. He also said the Blue Devils might play more zone defense to protect the 6-foot-9 Williams and the 6-foot-10 Randolph, who provide a physical inside presence.

"Those are questions we have to answer," Krzyzewski said. "They have to have an answer before we actually start practice — like, what will be the methods we use to teach the system we're going to have for this group?"

"We're excited about our prospects. We just have to make sure we stay healthy and don't get into foul trouble."



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# Bonds punishes Dodgers with three-run homer

BY BETH HARRIS

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Dodgers didn't get batters out ahead of Barry Bonds, and he made them pay.

Bonds hit a three-run homer for his 1,300th career extra-base hit. Brett Tomko came within two outs of his first major league shutout and the San Francisco Giants defeated Los Angeles 7-1 Wednesday night.

"It just seems like he comes up every inning," Dodgers left fielder Dave Roberts said about Bonds.

It wasn't a one-man show.

A.J. Pierzynski went 4-for-4 to tie his career high and had a two-run double, helping the first-place Giants increase their lead over San Diego in the NL West to 2½ games. The Dodgers dropped 3½ games back.

"I'm getting closer to where I thought I should've been at the beginning," said Pierzynski, in his first NL season after being traded from Minnesota. "I got some good pitches to hit."

Ray Durham and former Dodger Marquis Grissom also homered off Hideo Nomo, who has given up 16 homers this season, the most by a Dodgers pitcher.

"He's having trouble throwing his split-finger for strikes and that's the key," Dodgers catcher Paul Lo Duca said. "When you're getting behind guys and having to throw fastballs, you're going to get hurt. Barry made him pay, and so did Grisp. His arm strength is getting better and better, but mechanically, there's something that's just not right."

Asked if he's worried about being demoted to the bullpen, Nomo said, "I don't really think about that. I personally don't think my fastball has lost speed, but they've been hitting my fastball so it's easy to say that."

Bonds hit the first pitch he saw from



San Francisco Giants' Barry Bonds is congratulated after hitting a three-run home run off of Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Hideo Nomo in the third inning on Wednesday.

Nomo into the left-field pavilion in the third inning, giving San Francisco a 4-0 lead.

Durham singled and J.T. Snow walked to set up Bonds, who homered for the 20th time after being hit by a pitch his first time up.

"He told me before the at-bat he was going to go the other way," San Francisco manager Felipe Alou said. "Then he told me he didn't hit it good enough."

The Dodgers pitched to Bonds one night after walking him four times, including twice intentionally, in a 2-1 victory. He was 1-for-3 and scored two runs. He didn't talk to reporters after the game.

"When you don't get the guys in front of him (Bonds), and the guys behind him get base hits, there were just too many people in their lineup that were doing damage for that at-bat to have any significance whatsoever," Dodgers manager Jim Tracy said of Bonds' homer.

Tomko (3-4), in his second start since coming off the disabled list, allowed one run and seven hits, struck out six and walked two in 8½ innings.

"Wins are better than shutouts," he said. He gave up three singles in the ninth, including Milton Bradley's run-scoring hit

up the middle on Tomko's 118th — and final — pitch.

"I'm just proud of Tomko," Pierzynski said. "The way he's pitched since coming off the DL is spectacular. I can get all the looks in the world, but it doesn't mean much if he doesn't do that. I wanted him to finish the game, but it's hard to shut out a big league team."

Scott Eyre got one out before walking Juan Encarnacion to lead the bases, but Jim Brower got pinch-hitter Jayson Werth to ground out to end it.

Tomko held the Dodgers to one run on three hits in six innings of a 9-3 win last Thursday.

"It's tough to do that in back-to-back starts," he said. "If it works the first time, why not have the same approach this time?"

The right-hander was out nearly two weeks with right elbow inflammation.

"I'd been struggling trying to find it, throwing a lot," Tomko said. "Just figuring it out was a big thing. I feel good, I'm throwing hard. This is how I was early in my career." Durham led off the game with his 29th career leadoff homer.

Grissom hit his 12th homer in the fifth, triggering a three-run inning that extended San Francisco's lead to 7-0. Pierzynski greeted Wilson Alvarez with his third hit of the game, a two-run double, after Deivi Cruz chased Nomo with a two-out single.

Before the game, Tracy said he had no alternatives other than keeping Nomo in the starting rotation. Afterward, when asked about Nomo's status, Tracy said curtly, "We won't talk about that tonight."

Nomo (3-10) gave up seven runs on seven hits in 4½ innings in his 100th career loss, and struck straight to the Giants. The right-hander, who struck out one and walked two, was booed as he left the field. He's 0-9 in his past 10 starts since winning 9-4 at Colorado on April 21.

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Derek Jeter sacrificed Lofton to third, and he scored when Sheffield doubled down the third-base line on the 10th pitch of his at-bat against Tim Lincecum. Sheffield, playing with an aching shoulder, fouled off seven 0-2 pitches.

"It was just one of those battles," he said. "It seemed like we wanted it a little bit more."

Hideki Matsui added a two-out RBI single off Alan Embree, making it 4-2.

Yankees reliever Felix Heredia got the sellout crowd of 55,023 going in the seventh, escaping a bases-loaded, none-out jam by striking out Ortiz.

"David, man, he's been the MVP of this team and the league," Boston's Manny Ramirez said. "He's been picking us up all year long."

Ortiz had an RBI single in the first. Then he hit Jon Lieber's first pitch of the sixth over the right-center fence for his 21st homer, tied for the AL lead. He tops the league with 75 RBIs.

Tom Gordon (2-2) struck out two in a perfect eighth for the win, and Mariano Rivera pitched the ninth for his 29th save in 30 chances.

"We had them where we wanted them," said an emotional



Boston Red Sox shortstop Nomar Garciaparra made his second error in three games Wednesday.

Terry Francona, Boston's manager. "We had our chances to extend the lead. This is a tough one. It hurts."

Notes: The Red Sox, who made three errors in an 11-3 loss Tuesday night, have allowed 60 earned runs in the majors. ... Boston reliever Scott Williamson left in the seventh because of a strained right forearm.

# Diamondbacks enjoy a victory

## Arizona ends 11-game tailspin; overcomes errors with key hits

The Associated Press

PHOENIX — The Arizona Diamondbacks won for the first time in almost two weeks, and their manager left no question as to where it ranked in his mind.

"It was the most beautiful win I've ever seen," Bob Brenly said. Danny Bautista hit a go-ahead double in the seventh inning, and the Diamondbacks stopped their franchise-record losing streak at 11 games.

Wednesday night with an 8-5 victory over the San Diego Padres.

"We knew we weren't going to lose the rest of the way out, but to get this one tonight — especially with some of the miscues we had on the field — was nice," outfielder Luis Gonzalez said. "So, hopefully, this is something we can build on."

Chad Tracy had a three-run homer, Quinton McCracken hit a two-run drive and Gonzalez had a run-scoring double as Arizona rebounded from one-run deficits three times for the first victory since beating the New York Yankees 6-1 on June 17.

"Coming from behind, that's where you get a lot of confidence," Bautista said.

The Diamondbacks overcame four errors, which matched their season high. Starter Brandon Webb and Stephen Randolph each threw a wild pitch, but Randolph (2-1) struck out two in the seventh.

Elmer Dessens pitched a scoreless eighth, and Mike Kopoloff got his first major league save.

"We made some mistakes tonight," Brenly said. "We threw the ball around a little bit, we walked some guys, we put ourselves into some jams, but we just kept coming back."

Arizona was trailing 5-4 in the seventh when Blaine Neal (0-1) walked Roberto Alomar, Steve Finley singled and Bautista lined a pitch on one hop to the wall in left-center. McCracken homered in the eighth.

Brian Giles tied a career high with five hits and drove in two runs for the Padres, who had won seven of eight.

Sean Burroughs, playing for the first time after missing four games with shoulder tendinitis, added an RBI single.

"I was just disappointed we didn't win," Giles said. "These guys lost 11 or 12 in a row or whatever, so they were going to snap out of it, and tonight they got some big hits when they had to."

**Pirates 6, Cardinals 5:** Pinch-hitter Bobby Hill singled home the winning run in the ninth and Ted Redman had three RBIs in the Pirates' first home three-game sweep of the Cardinals in 15 years.

Jose Mesa (2-0) blew his first save opportunity in 18 chances, but won his second of the series.

**Astros 3, Cubs 2:** In his fifth game since being traded to Houston, Carlos Beltran homered off LaTroy Hawkins (1-1) with two outs in the top of the ninth.

Roger Clemens' bid for his 11th victory was blown when Michael Barrett homered off Dan Miceli in the eighth, tying it 2-2.

**Braves 9, Marlins 6:** J.D. Drew



Arizona's Tim Olson completes a double play against San Diego despite being upended by Brian Giles.

homered twice and Sam McConnell (1-0) earned his first major league victory in a game delayed 75 minutes by rain in the second inning.

He was the seventh career two-homer game for Drew — his first since Oct. 3, 2001, and he tied a career high with five RBIs for the host Braves, who moved within 3½ games of first in the NL East. Florida and Philadelphia are tied for the top spot.

**Reds 2, Mets 0:** Cory Lidle (6-5) topped Tom Glavine (7-5) and shut down the visiting Mets

for the second time in a week. Adam Dunn homered and Ryan Freel hit an RBI single off Glavine, whose 2.16 ERA is best in the majors.

**Brewers 5, Rockies 4:** Ben Sheets (7-5) struck out eight in seven-plus innings and Junior Spivey homered, assisting Milwaukee won its fourth straight.

Colorado's Larry Walker got his 2,000th career hit, a double in the fourth.

**Expos 6, Phillies 3:** Juan Rivera hit a go-ahead RBI single with two outs in the eighth, and

the host Expos overcame Jim Thome's major league-leading 27th homer.

Tony Batista and Brad Wilkerson homered for Montreal, which was 0-37, then trailing after seven innings dating to Sept. 16, 2003.

Joe Morgan (1-0) got one out in the seventh for his first major league victory.

Thome's two-run homer in the fifth off Zach Day was his 15th in June, tying a club record set by Cy Williams in 1923.

Thome also helped the Phillies set a franchise record for homers in a month with 44.

# White Sox welcome Garcia; he welcomes support

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Freddy Garcia's debut with the Chicago White Sox was far from great. Then again, it didn't need to be.

Given plenty of run support by his new team, Garcia threw six innings and beat the Minnesota Twins 9-6 on Wednesday night.

Paul Konerko, Jose Valentin and Joe Crede backed him with home runs and the White Sox moved one game ahead of the Twins in the AL Central — two in the loss column.

"What a difference," said Garcia, acquired Sunday in a trade with Seattle to solidify Chicago's rotation for the playoff race. "We can hit, and we can come back. Everyone is excited to play."

Garcia (5-7) gave up seven hits and five runs — four earned — while striking out a season-high nine. Aaron Rowand added a homer in the eighth for the White



Sox, who have won four straight overall and six of their last seven against Minnesota. The Twins have been outscored 61-19 in those six defeats.

"This is a team we want to beat," Valentin said. "We don't want to do this just against Minnesota. We want to do this against whoever we play."

Two days after Joe Mauer hit the second of his two homers off Shingo Takatsu with one out in the ninth, ending the scoreless streak of Japan's career saves leader at 26½ innings. It was Mauer's first career two-homer game.

Brad Radke (4-4) allowed season highs in hits (11) and runs (eight) while striking out two in six-plus innings. He hasn't won in seven starts.

Cristian Guzman and Corey Koskie also homered for Minnesota, which lost its season-high fourth straight.

**Rangers 9, Mariners 6:** At Seattle, Kenny Rogers (11-2) became the first 11-game winner in the major leagues, allowing three runs and six hits in five innings to win his seventh straight decision.

Hank Blalock hit his 21st homer, tying Boston's David Ortiz for the league lead and Francisco Cordero retired Randy Winn on a bases-loaded liner in the ninth for his 24th save. Rookie Clint Naegeste (1-4) pitched his third straight start.

**Tigers 12, Indians 5:** Ivan Rodriguez went 3-for-4, raising his major league-leading average to .381. He hit 500 (43-for-86) in June, and became the first major league to hit 500 for a month since Colorado's Todd Helton in May 2000.

The host Tigers overcame a 3-0 deficit and have won six straight for the first time since May 2002.

Nate Robertson (7-3) improved to 5-0 in his last eight starts, striking out eight while allowing three runs in seven innings.

Jason Davis (2-6) allowed seven runs and 12 hits in 5½ innings.

**Athletics 4, Angels 2:** Marco Scutaro hit a tiebreaking two-run single off Scott Shields (5-2) in the eighth.

Chad Bradford (4-4) pitched two-thirds of an inning and Octavio Dotel worked the ninth for his second save since he was acquired last Thursday. Visiting Anaheim has lost three straight.

**Devil Rays 6, Blue Jays 2:** Rey Sanchez hit his first over-the-wall homer since April 30, 2002, just his 15th in 4,684 career at-bats.

The three-run shot came off

Josh Towers (2-3), who allowed six runs and 11 hits in 4½ innings.

Dewon Brazelton (2-0) gave up five hits in five shutout innings in his first start since taking a no-hit bid into the eighth against Florida last Friday. At 38-37, the host Devil Rays moved over .500 at the latest point in a season in franchise history.

**Orioles 13, Royals 4:** Newly promoted Chad Mottola hit his 1996, a drive off Brian Anderson (1-8).

Miguel Tejada and David Newhan also homered to help visiting Baltimore match its season high for runs.

Jerry Lopez was 4-for-4 and Melvin Mora, who had missed 10 games with a foot injury, raised his average to .357 with two hits. Daniel Cabrera (5-3) gave up three runs and three hits in seven innings.

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# Boston blunders away victory

## Ortiz, Garcíaparra errors help Yanks close in on sweep

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NEW YORK — David Ortiz gave Boston a two-run lead. Then he gave it away.

Ortiz made a crucial error that allowed New York to tie it in the seventh inning Wednesday night, and Gary Sheffield's RBI double in the eighth sent the Yankees to a 4-2 victory over the Red Sox.

"We should've won the game," said Ortiz, who homered and drove in two runs.

With the bases loaded and two outs in the seventh, Tony Clark hit a sharp grounder off Mike Timlin (4-3) to Ortiz at first base.

But the ball squirted through him into shallow right field, allowing two runs to score.

Ortiz's gaffe was reminiscent of a big miscue by another Red Sox first baseman. Though this New York setting was far less dramatic than when Bill Buckner made his infamous error in Game 6 of the 1986 World Series, the play was eerily similar.

Across town at Shea Stadium, it was Buckner who allowed Mookie Wilson's 10th-inning grounder to go through his legs, giving the Mets a 6-5 victory. Two nights later, New York won the World Series, keeping Boston without a title since 1918.

After the play, Ortiz headed toward the dugout for a new glove.

Turns out, Clark's grounder slipped right through the webbing of the other one.

"I thought I had it. I was starting to go to first base, and I saw the ball missing. My glove was kind of soft. Maybe that's why it went through," Ortiz said.

He wasn't even supposed to be out there, either.

Ortiz was the designated hitter in Boston's original lineup, but he was switched to first base before the first pitch because Trot Nixon had a tight quadriceps.

Nixon moved from right field to DH.

"That kind of stuff seems to happen a lot to us, especially when we're playing the Yankees," Johnny Damon said. "Every single loss is just magnified right now."

The Yankees have won the first two games of the series to open a season-high 7½-game lead over the Red Sox in the AL East. New York will go for a sweep Thursday night against Pedro Martínez.

"You don't demoralize good teams, and they're a good ballclub," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "They'll come back."

Making his first appearance at Yankee Stadium since giving up Aaron Boone's pennant-winning homer in Game 7 of the AL championship series last year, Tim Wakefield shut down New York on three hits for 6½ innings.

After a walk and a hit batsman, he left with a 2-0 lead — but Boston's defense let him down.

"In the seventh inning, the wheels kind of fell off," Wakefield said.

Kenny Lofton led off the eighth with an infield single and went to second when shortstop Nomar Garcíaparra threw wildly for his third error in two games.



Boston Red Sox first baseman David Ortiz holds his glove after making a costly seventh-inning error on Wednesday.

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## Furious rally

Maria Sharapova came from behind to defeat Lindsay Davenport 2-6, 7-6 (5), 6-1 during their semifinal match at Wimbledon on Thursday. Sharapova will meet defending champion Serena Williams, who beat Amelie Mauresmo 6-7 (4), 7-5, 6-4, in the final. See story on Page 26.



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